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MYSTERY SHROUDS ESCAPED PRISONER

Authorities Refuse to Name
Man Sought After Punch-
ing U. S. Agent.

By the Associated Press.

AURORA, Ill., February 8.—An intensive search was underway in Northern Illinois today for the prisoner, his identity still veiled in mystery, who staged a daring escape from a Federal agent in a Yorkville hotel bar.

Sheriff William Maier of Kendall County denied reports that the fugitive was Alvin Karpis, No. 1 public enemy hunted since he shot his way out of an Atlantic City hotel.

The sheriff quoted the bartender who served them and the driver who brought the United States agents and their prisoner to Yorkville after their airplane was forced down as saying the prisoner was not Karpis.

Federal authorities remained silent on the identity of the man who cracked an agent on the chin as they stood before the hotel bar, and escaped yesterday in a hail of bullets. Belief that he was an important prisoner was strengthened by the fact E. J. Connelly, Federal investigator who led the attack on the Florida hideout of "Ma" and Fred Barker, appeared at the Chicago Bureau of Identification shortly after the escape.

JESS DOYLE CAPTURED.

KANSAS CITY, February 8 (AP).—Jess Doyle, swarthy Bremer kidnaping suspect, was captured yesterday, capping a round-up which netted five others as well—because of a feminine feud.

Police pluralized the watchword "find the woman" for the bullet-punctuated Doyle hunt, ended when mud halted the 34-year-old gangster's flight near Pittsburg, Kans.

In the arrests, including four women, Detective Chief T. J. Higgins of Kansas City saw the smashing of a newly-organized bootlegging and bank robbery mob.

A pistol woman put officers on the trail of the 34-year-old ex-convict hunted for months on a charge that he was a money changer in the \$200,000 abduction of Edward G. Bremer, wealthy St. Paul banker.

U. S. AGENTS ON KARPIS TRAIL

AURORA, Ill., Feb. 8 (U.S.).—A force of 30 Federal agents today combed Northern Illinois for a mysterious fugitive, described only as "a desperate character," who flung a stein of beer in the face of a Government operative in a Yorkville (Ill.) barroom and escaped.

Although Department of Justice men refused to disclose the fugitive's identity witnesses said he answered the description of Alvin Karpis, current public enemy No. 1 and indicted leader of the gang that kidnaped Edward Bremer, St. Paul banker, for \$200,000 ransom. Federal officials denied he was Karpis.

The thoroughness with which the Government spread its dragnet here and in surrounding towns gave evidence of the fugitive's importance.

Justice Department operatives at first said the man was Jess Doyle, member of the Karpis gang wanted in the Bremer kidnaping. It was later ascertained Doyle was captured yesterday at Pittsburgh, Kan.

Unlaced aboard an airplane at Kansas City, Mo., the mysterious prisoner was being returned to Chicago in custody of two agents late yesterday. The plane made a forced landing near Yorkville.

The two agents unmanacled their prisoner and took him to a hotel where the barroom escape occurred while one agent was telephoning.

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WHERE GUNMAN ESCAPED



It was Volney Davis, and not Jess Doyle as first reported, who slugged a Department of Justice agent, jumped through a window and fled in a hail of bullets at Yorkville, Ill. Mrs. Charles S. Leech is pointing at the window. Doyle was captured near Pittsburg, Kan., when his auto became mired while trying to escape from a police trap. Inset is a photo of Volney Davis. Both are Edward Bremer kidnap suspects.

DAVIS IDENTIFIED AS MAN WHO ESCAPED

Tavern Owner Says Bremer Case Suspect Asked for \$10 and Gun.

Chicago, Feb. 8.—(P)—The man who escaped from a Department of Justice agent at Yorkville, Ill., by throwing a glassful of beer in his captor's face, was identified by residents there today as Volney Davis, under indictment as one of the actual kidnapers of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker.

The residents identified Davis from a photograph in a Department of Justice bulletin. Davis, they said, had spent much of last spring and summer in the vicinity and was known to them as "Curly" Hansen.

Ted Smith, proprietor of Ted's tavern, said he knew Hansen well and that he was positive, after looking at the photograph that Davis and Hansen were the same man.

Smith disclosed that ten minutes after the escape Davis had burst into the tavern, coatless and bleeding from one hand, and had pleaded for \$10 and a gun.

"This fellow used to hang around my tavern a great deal," Smith said. "He said he was a follower of the

horses and seemed always to have a lot of money.

"Wednesday night he came into the tavern, greatly excited. He had no overcoat and one of his hands was cut. He asked me to lend him \$10. I let him have 50 cents. Then he asked me to let him have a revolver. I told him I didn't have one. I gave him a sandwich and a cup of coffee and then he went outside and drove off in an automobile."

The automobile in which Davis escaped was found abandoned near Wheaton, Ill., Thursday.

Residents of Aurora, site of the Exposition Park race track, said Department of Justice agents were there last fall seeking Davis.

16 KARPIS INDICTMENTS FILED IN MIAMI.

Miami, Fla., Feb. 8.—(P)—Sixteen federal indictments naming fourteen men and two women accused of harboring the fugitive gangster Alvin Karpis, in Miami and Havana, were filed with the United States district court clerk here late today.

They name Joe H. Adams, partner of the Biscayne Kennel club dog track operators, and of Commodore hotel; Harry Stern, known here as Henry (Duke) Randall, an employee of the kennel club; Nathaniel Heller, American manager of the Parkview hotel, Havana; Cuba; E. G. alias Cassius or McDonald, under arrest at West Palm Beach; Winona Burdette and Dolores Delaney, left behind in an Atlantic City hotel when the companions, Karpis and Harry Campbell, shot their way through a police trap.

The accused were reported under arrest or under bond.

All are accused of conspiring to hide Karpis while knowing he was hunted as the suspected leader of the gang which kidnaped Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul, Minn., banker.

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10 Held, 12 Hunted In Bremer Case

Early Roundup Of Fugitives Predicted; Will Bring Doyle And Edna Murray Here.

With 10 of the 22 men and women indicted for the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer now under arrest, early roundup of a majority of the fugitives was unofficially forecast today by agents of the United States department of justice.

To be brought to St. Paul for arraignment on kidnap conspiracy charges are Jesse Doyle, "money changer" in the \$200,000 snatching, and Edna Murray, Kansas City's "kissing bandit." Both were named in federal indictments returned in St. Paul Jan. 22.

Of the 12 named for the actual kidnaping four are in Ramsey county jail in St. Paul: Arthur (Doc) Barker, coleader with the fugitive Alvin Karpis of the bandit gang; Elmer Farmer and Harold Allderton, who allegedly provided the Bensenville (Ill.) three-week hiding place of the St. Paul bank president, and Byron Bolton, Chicago mobster.

10 Called Conspirators.

Of the 10 charged with conspiracy one is in Ramsey county jail; James J. Wilson; three are at liberty in Chicago on \$5,000 bonds each; John J. McLaughlin, Democratic ward boss and alleged gambling overlord; William E. Vidler and Paul J. Delaney, gamblers, all of whom are said to have handled small amounts of the ransom money; Doyle, whose job it was to exchange the "hot" bills for "cool" money in the Reno (Nev.) gambling houses, and Edna Murray, believed to have been in on the latter deal.

Doyle, with federal agents and local police hot on his trail in Kansas earlier this week, surrendered by telephone rather than face the sharpshooting "G" men, a few hours after Edna Murray and two others were captured in a running gunfight near Pittsburgh, Kan.

11 Still Sought.

Still sought for the actual kidnaping are Karpis, Volney Davis, who made a daring escape from two federal captors at Yorkville, Ill., Wednesday night; Harry Campbell, William Weaver alias Donald Phoenix, Harry Sawyer, alleged St. Paul "finger man," and two unidentified men.

Wanted on conspiracy charges are Oliver A. Berg, Dr. Joseph P. Moran, Myrtle Eaton and a man known as "Whitely."

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Most of Bremer Ransom Passed, Agents Assert

RANSOM IN CIRCULATION

(Continued From Page 1)

How Money Got Into Circulation Is Problem They Seek to Solve.

Miami, Feb. 9.—(P)—The question of how the marked money which ransomed wealthy Edward G. Bremer got back into circulation confronted Department of Justice agents today following the indictment of six persons on charges of harboring Alvin Karpis, suspected co-leader of the Bremer kidnap gang.

Virtually all of the \$200,000 ransom money has been passed, it was said here. While the agents followed that phase of the case in the United States and Cuba, a nation-wide search for Karpis also was under way.

The indictments returned by the Federal grand jury in Jacksonville Thursday and docketed here late Friday accuse:

Joe Adams, part owner of a dog track and El Comodoro hotel here; Henry Stern, who worked at Adams' track at "Duke" Randall; Nathaniel Heller, American manager of the Parkview hotel at Havana; E. G. (alias Cassius or Cass) McDonald, and Winona Burdette and Dolores Delaney, caught when

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Karpis and Harry Campbell shot their way out of an Atlantic City hotel.

All were reported under arrest or bond. Federal agents said McDonald is a wealthy Detroit and West Palm Beach promoter, and that he is alleged to have flown from Miami last November to aid Karpis in his hideout there. His bond was set at \$25,000.

DOYLE THOUGHT FEDS UNDERWORLD FOES.

Pittsburgh, Kan., Feb. 9.—(P)—Jess Doyle, alleged money changer in the Edward G. Bremer kidnaping in St. Paul a year ago, surrendered to officers Thursday because he thought they were underworld enemies, it was learned today.

Although Federal agents continued silence regarding all phases of Doyle's flight and later voluntary surrender, the new explanation of why he gave himself up after having evaded their trap was not denied by police sources.

Doyle was still in the Crawford county jail at Girard today and no announcement was forthcoming as to when he would be removed or to what city.

Doyle was laboring under great fear when Sheriff Leon Delmaide, in response to a telephone call Thursday from near Cherokee, twelve miles southwest of here, met Doyle on a highway about a mile from where he abandoned his mud-mired car.

The kidnap suspect, according to an account of his conversation with officers soon after his incarceration, burst out a "hose—ride a ge me." Asked who he meant, Doyle is reported to have answered that he referred to some gangsters who chased him and took shots at him. He was informed that Federal agents and police were his pursuers.

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U. S. Indicts Six As Aides of Karpis

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CHARGES FILED IN KARPIS CASE

Six Held on Counts Al- leging Aid Given Fugitive Bandit

Latest salvo in the federal government's war on "go-betweens" who enable gangsters to evade the penalty of United States laws, was fired in Miami yesterday with the docketing of 16 indictments against four men and two women charged with extending to Alvin Karpis, No. 1 public enemy, "shelter, refuge and protection."

E. G. McDonald, wealthy Detroit and West Palm Beach promoter, was arrested here late last night by Deputy U. S. Marshal Jack McParland to complete the roundup of the sextet. McDonald is charged in one of the indictments with flying from Miami to Havana last November to aid Karpis in his hide-out there. His bond was set at \$25,000.

Charged with accepting \$1,000 from Karpis for several acts of hospitality, defined by the indictments as "unlawfully conspiring to prevent his discovery and arrest," Joe Adams, manager of Biscayne Kennel club, was re-arrested and posted an additional \$5,000 bond last night before U. S. Commissioner Lloyd C. Hecks. His arrest and release on the first \$5,000 bail came Jan. 29.

Adams, Henry "Duke" Randall,

an employee of Adams; McDonald, Nathan Heller, manager of the Parkview hotel, Havana; Delfores Delaney, companion of Karpis, and Winona Burdett, companion of Harry Campbell, his henchman, were all in custody or on bond in the Karpis case today. The two women are in Philadelphia. W. Sanders Gramling, assistant U. S. district attorney, was expected to return to Miami today from Jacksonville where the 84 federal grand jury indictments were released Thursday, to begin proceedings to bring the women back to face trial.

Others accused by the federal grand jury included the following charged with possession, sale or manufacture of untaxed liquor: Sue D. Kaux, Shelley R. Lee, Dewey T. Kirkland, James Miller, A. H. Miller, W. H. Baldwin, Sam Odom, Robert E. Riley, John D. Griffin, Alvin Neil, Pink Puggie, Julian O. Parrish, Troy Parrish, Lester E. Swinson, Edward Marshall, Nelson Ritch, Elan B. Wood, Remus Washington Wilkinson, W. Lee Smith, Ernest E. Arrington, Walter Dent, Thomas Joseph Bullard, Henry J. Cobb, Gary Cameron, Genaris Connor, Coral J. Glisson, Howard Hill, Matthew King and Alfred R. Sawyer.

Charged with violation of narcotic laws were: Peggy Bennett, Nan Brooks, George F. Gordon and John Hess.

Indicted for violation of the tariff laws were: Felix Frank Glasa, Gerald Momand and George Lewis Gardner.

Possession and passing counterfeit money: Harry Van Gries and Edward D. Kill.

Transporting a stolen automobile in violation of the Dyer act: William Swanwick.

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Gangster at Liberty



Volney Davis, described as one of the Barker-Karpis gang of kidnapers, is at liberty as a result of an escape from federal agents Wednesday night in Yorkville, Ill. Davis was being taken from Kansas City to Chicago by airplane. The plane was forced down near Yorkville, and Davis, after being taken into a restaurant, slugged an agent and escaped in a motor car.

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DESPERADO WHO ESCAPED AGENTS IS VOLNEY DAVIS

Witnesses Identify Photo
 of Fugitive Convict.

(Picture on back page.)

The "desperate character" whom police of the central west have been seeking with orders to shoot to kill since his escape from two federal department of justice agents at Yorkville, Ill., on Wednesday night, was finally identified yesterday as Volney Davis, fugitive convict, a suspect in the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, wealthy St. Paul banker.

Until witnesses to the escape at Yorkville identified pictures of Davis yesterday, the police had nothing to work on except the request of government agents to arrest a dangerous character driving a car which was found Thursday morning near Wheaton and a circular describing Davis as one of the Alvin Karpis gang indicted in the Bremer kidnaping.

Yorkville Escape Not Mentioned.

The circular on Davis did not mention the escape at Yorkville, although copies were mailed to police of northern Illinois cities at 10 p. m. Wednesday, three hours after Davis flung a stein of beer into the face of one of his captors and fled from a Yorkville tavern.



FLED FROM AGENTS
 Volney Davis, Bremer kidnaping suspect, identified in Yorkville escape.

Davis and his two captors were flying from Kansas City to Chicago when their plane was forced down on a farm near Yorkville. William Ford, a farmer, who drove them to the town in his car, identified the circular picture of Davis as that of the agents' prisoner.

The party went to the Hotel Nading in Yorkville, and Davis leaped through a window of the taproom while one of the agents was telephoning his Chicago office for instructions. Norman Peasley, who was standing in the taproom at the time, also identified the picture of Davis as the man who fled.

Seen Later in Aurora Tavern.

Ten minutes after his escape from the agents at Yorkville Davis was seen in the tavern of Ted Smith at Aurora. Davis, who was known to Smith as "Curly" Hansen, wore no overcoat and had a cut on his hand. The fugitive had dropped his overcoat after diving through the window.

"Hansen asked me for \$10," Smith said. "I gave him 50 cents and some sandwiches. He asked me for a gun, but I didn't have one. Then he ran out and drove away. Hansen was in here from time to time last summer. He is the man called Davis in the circular."

Davis was 34 years old and of slight build, weighing only 125 pounds. He was sentenced to the Oklahoma state prison in 1923 for murder and escape.

Two years later, only to be recaptured. On Nov. 3, 1925, he was granted a "leave of absence" until July 1, 1927. This was extended an additional year and since that time he has been listed as a fugitive.

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DAVIS STEALS AUTO IN BOLD FLIGHT AFTER BREAK FROM PLANE

Convicted Killer Believed Here
Now; Fugitive Recognized in
Tavern; Seeks Cash and Gun

Volney Davis, convicted murderer and named as one of the actual kidnapers of Edward G. Bremer at St. Paul a year ago, was disclosed yesterday to have escaped capture by half an hour in Aurora.

Davis was identified positively in Aurora as the man who slugged a federal agent at nearby Yorkville and escaped in a stolen car early Thursday after an airplane in which he was being brought to Chicago from Kansas City was forced down.

Demand for Money and Gun Refused.

He appeared at Ted Smith's tavern in Aurora, asked for money, an overcoat and a gun, and left when Smith refused. A few hours later the car he had stolen at Yorkville was found abandoned near Wheaton. It was believed he had reached Chicago.

Davis, who lived in Aurora last Summer as "Cufley Hansen," had scarcely left Smith's tavern when heavily armed federal agents swarmed about the place.

Kendall County authorities had been convinced for a time that the escaped prisoner was Alvin Karpis, "Public Enemy No. 1," wanted for planning the \$200,000 Bremer kidnapping.

Dives Through Window to Gain Freedom.

Davis, fugitive from a life sentence for murder at Oklahoma City, was suffering from a lacerated finger, apparently incurred when he dived through a window at Yorkville. Smith said:

"Everybody around this section knows him. He posed as a horse race player and had lots of money. I always suspected there was something wrong."

In Kansas City Davis was named as a member of a new gang being recruited by Jess Doyle, also indicted in the Bremer kidnaping.

Doyle and five others were seized there after his woman friend, Mrs. Vinita Stacey, shot another gang woman, Mrs. Frances Taylor. Three more members of the gang are sought.

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Bremer Kidnapers Escapes

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BREMER KIDNAP ARRESTS MOUNT

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EACING COURT



International News Photograph Service
SPOT BOSS—Mrs. Vinita Stacey, 32, of Kansas City, Mo., is pictured as she was taken to court to face a charge of attempting to murder Mrs. Helen Rush. Police claim that Mrs. Stacey "put her victim on the spot."

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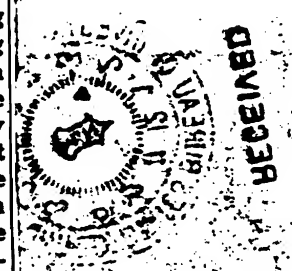
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Chumming With Crooks.

The prisoner who escaped from his Federal guard at Yorkville, Illinois, took advantage of what might easily have been and very likely was a purely accidental chain of circumstances but which none the less presented a most remarkable series of favorable breaks. An airplane pilot who couldn't find the desired Chicago airport happened to land in just the right place. A benevolent agent removed the prisoner's handcuffs and ordered the fateful beer which was served in a mug that made an excellent weapon of attack. Having disposed of his guard, the fugitive leaped from a window and, by a special stroke of luck, there stood an empty brand new sedan a few steps away with its motor already running. His rabbit's foot was surely working full time. It might be thought that Dillinger's escape from the Crown Point jail would have sufficiently emphasized the risk in getting chummy with prisoners. This second episode is an added demonstration which should have been superfluous.



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JESS DOYLE MOVED FROM KANSAS JAIL

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Three Alleged Associates Also
Taken to Unnamed

Places.
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Pittsburg, Kan., Feb. 11.—(P)—
Jess Doyle, suspected money changer in the Edward G. Bremer kidnaping case in St. Paul, and three alleged associates, including Mrs. Edna Murray, "kissing bandit," wanted as a fugitive from the Missouri penitentiary at Jefferson City, were removed from Crawford county jails to unnamed destinations Sunday by Department of Justice agents.

Doyle and Mrs. Murray were taken in one car by a group of agents who left Girard, where Doyle had been held. Later in the day H. C. Stanley, a brother of Mrs. Murray, and his wife were taken from the city jail here.

It was believed Mr. and Mrs. Stanley will face charges of harboring criminals. Mrs. Murray, it was assumed, would be turned over to Missouri authorities to complete her prison term for robbery.

Jess Doyle, alleged "money changer" in the Bremer kidnaping "ultimately will be brought to St. Paul," Department of Justice operatives here said this afternoon.

Whether Doyle and three associates now are en route to St. Paul under guard from Pittsburgh has not been determined. It is possible that the quartet may be taken to Chicago or Kansas City before being brought to St. Paul.

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DATA ON KARPIS GANG SUSPECT ASKED HERE

Copy of Indictment Requested
by Miami Lawyer; Man Held
Believed Sawyer.

Federal agents intensified the Karpis-Barker manhunt today in Florida, following receipt of a letter by government officials in St. Paul from a Miami attorney requesting a certified copy of a secret indictment against one suspect.

Authorities refused to divulge the names of the attorney and of the person involved in the true bill, but the suspect was reported to be Harry Sawyer, former St. Paul bootlegger.

Officials of the United States district attorney's office and the Department of Justice conferred on the request and decided to turn it down.

The Karpis-Barker gang is under indictment in St. Paul for the \$200,000 kidnaping a year ago of Edward G. Bremer, banker. Recently Fred Barker and "Ma" Barker were shot and killed by agents at a hideout in Oklawaha, Fla., while a few days later Alvin Karpis escaped through a police bullet fusillade at Atlantic City. Some members of the mob are at large, others are in jail, including Arthur (Doc) Barker in Ramsey county jail.

Agents are said to have accumulated sufficient evidence to indict Sawyer in Cleveland on a charge of harboring Karpis there.

Meanwhile it was reported that the "mystery" prisoner who escaped from federal agents in Yorkville, Ill., may be Volney Davis, under indictment as one of the kidnapers of Bremer.

In support of this belief, it was pointed out that Davis was the sweetheart of Mrs. Edna Murray, 34-year-old "kissing bandit" arrested Thursday in Pittsburg, Kan.; that the pair recently were seen together in Kansas City; and that the "mystery" prisoner escaped while being taken by Department of Justice agents from Kansas City to Chicago.

According to reports, he was a member of the Barker-Karpis gang which staged the Bremer kidnaping in January, 1934, but broke away from it about six months ago to join a bootlegging and robbery gang headed by Jess Doyle, who was arrested Thursday near Pittsburg, Kan.

Federal agents were reported to be conducting an intensive search for their missing "mystery man," who slipped from their clutches after hitting an agent with a beer bottle in a Yorkville bar, where they had stopped for refreshment after the plane in which they were traveling had been forced down. But Federal authorities still refused to reveal his identity.

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CUBA FREES HELLER FOR TRIAL IN FLORIDA

**Havana Hotel Man Says He Will
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Wireless to THE NEW YORK TIMES.
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Mr. Heller for several years has found it necessary to commute between Havana and Miami in the interest of his hotel business so he desires to clear up the Federal charges quickly, he said.

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DELANEY GIRL ASKS AID FOR KARPIS' SON

Urges Mother and Sister Here
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The mother of Desperado Alvin Karpis' 2-weeks-old son has appealed to her mother and sister in St. Paul to care for the child if she is imprisoned for harboring America's No. 1 Public Enemy.

A letter was sent by the 19-year-old mother, Dolores Delaney, from Philadelphia, January 28. The common law wife of Karpis, she is recovering from a leg wound, received when police attempted to arrest the outlaw in Atlantic City a month ago.

Mrs. Helen Delaney, 365 Maria avenue, mother of Dolores, said today she "will see the baby is pro-

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vided for" in event her daughter is sent to prison.

"I am not physically able to take the baby myself," she said, "but it will be taken care of. I am sorry Dolores cannot have him with her. She would make a wonderful mother."

The letter was addressed to Mrs. Helen Reilly, 365 Maria avenue, sister of Dolores and wife of Albert (Pat) Reilly, who is serving a prison term for harboring the late John Dillinger. She was not available for comment.

The infant has been named Raymond—the true name of Karpis, who is under indictment for the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, in January, 1934.

"You know how I love that name," Dolores wrote.

"My leg is getting along pretty good," the letter said, "although I can't walk on it as yet. The bullet went clear through the leg, right in the middle between the knee and the ankle. It will be all right soon."

Asking "Can you picture me as a proud mother," Dolores pleaded: "Listen, Babe, if I'm sent up, will you and Mom take care of the baby. It's not going to be any fun leaving it while it's so tiny, but you'll take good care of it, won't you?"

The young mother said she had \$100 which she wanted her sister and mother to receive.

Concluding, she wrote: "I'll say good-by now and please let me know if you will take care of the baby."

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\$200,000 Suit Filed as Bremer Ransom Echo

**Writ of Garnishment Against
Arthur (Doc) Barker Asked**

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Suit for \$200,000, the ransom paid for the return of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, was filed today in Ramsey County District court.

The suit was filed by Samuel Lipschultz, attorney for the Jacob Schmidt Brewing company and Adolph Bremer and with it was a writ of garnishment against Arthur (Doc) Barker, now under custody of the United States officers in the Ramsey county jail. Barker is accused of being one of the Bremer kidnapers.

Those named in the suit are Alvin Karpavics, alias Alvin Karpis; Arthur (Doc) Barker, alias F. K. Gordon; Volney Davis; Harry Campbell, alias George Winfield; William Weaver and William J. Harrison.

"The immediate purpose of the suit is to tie up such funds as may be in possession of any and all the gangsters when they are captured," Lipschultz said. "It is my understanding the U. S. marshal turned over to the Ramsey county sheriff about \$500 Barker had in his possession when arrested."

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U. S. Agents Hold Prisoner for Week Without Warrant

(Picture on back page.)

Matthew Gleason, 49 years old, an Aurora tavernkeeper, appeared before United States Commissioner Walker in the federal courthouse here yesterday with two black eyes. He was in the custody of department of justice agents, who had been holding him for a week, in violation of federal statutes.

The statutes provide that in case the agents take a prisoner without a warrant, they must return him before a committing officer at the earliest opportunity. Not until Attorney Emil Schlan, who was retained by Gleason's wife on Wednesday, visited the Chicago headquarters of the agents yesterday and threatened to seek a writ of habeas corpus for the release of the prisoner did the agents get a warrant from Commissioner Walker.

Charged with Aiding Davis.

The warrant charges Gleason with harboring Volney Davis, ex-convict, who is among a score of persons charged with complicity in the kidnapping of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker. Davis escaped from two department of justice agents on Feb. 6 at Yorkville. A plane in which the agents were bringing Davis to Chicago from Kansas City was forced down there. The agents took the manacles which Davis had worn in the air from his limbs, and when one of the agents took the prisoner into a Yorkville bar and bought him a glass of beer, Davis threw the beer in the

agent's face, knocked him down, and leaped through a window to freedom.

Gleason was taken before Commissioner Walker yesterday a short time after the warrant was issued. When Attorney Schlan said that he had had no opportunity to talk to his client, the case was continued to Feb. 21 and a bond of \$3,000 set for Gleason. K. R. McIntyre, in charge of the agents who took Gleason to the courthouse, gave deputy United States marshals instructions to prevent Gleason from telling his story to newspaper men.

Before this action was taken, however, Gleason had managed to whisper to a newspaper man who asked about the condition of his eyes: "They gave me hell."

Denies Appointment.

Gleason also said that Davis came to his tavern at 102 North 4th street, Aurora, on Feb. 7, the day after his escape. Davis stayed there for three or four hours, Gleason said, and told Davis during that time that he was dodging "the law," but Gleason denied that he knew that Davis was wanted by the federal government, or that he had had any appointment with Davis.

Gleason was arrested, without a warrant, the same day that Davis had visited him. Attorney Schlan said that he expects to effect his client's release on bond today.

"If I find that he was mistreated by the agents, I shall institute proceedings against them," Attorney Schlan added.

SUSPECTED AID OF NELSON HELD IN THEFT QUIZ

Freed in \$2,500 bonds only last week on a charge of having conspired to harbor Baby Face Nelson, Clarence Lieder, 28 years old, 2556 Division street, was rearrested by the Chicago avenue police yesterday.

Lieder is part owner of the Oakley Construction company, 2300 Division street. Capt. Andrew Barry said he would question Lieder in connection with the discovery of \$7,000 worth of stolen sponges and chamolite skins in a warehouse near the construction company. The merchandise was taken in a burglary last Sept. 3 at the Nassau Sponges company, 124 West Kinzie street.

Lieder's arrest was on information from New York, where George Bates, alias Kaby, of Chicago, and Max Postal were arrested a week ago as members of an interstate theft ring.

Lieder is under indictment in San Francisco on a charge of harboring Nelson. The proceeding here to send him west has been continued until March 12.



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AUDIT REVEALS IRREGULARITIES IN MALOY UNION

National Group Will Fight Gang Rule.

An audit of the books of the Chicago Moving Picture Operators' union, for years controlled by the slain Thomas Maloy, is being made and many apparent irregularities have been uncovered, it was learned yesterday at the state's attorney's office.

George E. Browne, president of the International Union of Moving Picture Operators, who has taken charge of the union since Maloy was shot to death on Feb. 4, made the revelation to Assistant State's Attorney Charles S. Dougherty.

No details of what has been found so far will be made public until the audit is complete. Mr. Browne said, but he declared that a number of the books and financial records of Maloy's transactions are missing.

Fights Capone Control.

At the same time Mr. Browne denied to Assistant State's Attorney Dougherty that there was any possibility of the remnants of the Capone gang taking control of the union.

These rumors spread after seven former Capone hoodlums were arrested Wednesday on the theory that Maloy's murder might have been the first step in a plot of gangsters to take control of the union.

"Reports that I have Capone men as bodyguards are plain lies," Browne told the prosecutor. "I have nothing to do with any of them, and I have no bodyguards."

Arraign Hoodlums Today.

Mr. Dougherty ordered charges of disorderly conduct placed against the seven hoodlums arrested, and they will be arraigned today. They are Sam [Golfbag] Hunt, Claude Maddox, Nicholas Trimarco, Lester Crane, Ralph Pierce, John Russo, and Michael Sprank. All were released last night on individual bonds of \$100.

Mr. Browne also made it known that all special permits issued by the Maloy union have been rescinded. These are permits allowing non-members to work as operators on payment of a fee. It is from this source that Maloy is believed to have gained much of his large income.

TOUHY AND PALS GET HIGH COURT HEARING TODAY

First Assistant State's Attorney Wilbert F. Crowley and Assistant State's Attorney Marshall V. Kearney left last night for Springfield, where they will argue today before the Illinois Supreme court in the appeal hearing of three men sentenced to 99 years in prison for the kidnapping of John Factor. Attorney William Scott Stewart will argue that his clients, Roger Touhy, Albert Kator, and Gus Schaefer, should be granted a new trial because of error in the trial record. Basil Banghart was found guilty of the same crime at a subsequent trial and received the same sentence, but did not appeal because he is under a 25 year sentence for mail robbery in Charlotte, N. C.

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DECRY LAWLESS ACTS OF U. S. IN FIGHTING CRIME

Loesch and Fisher Argue for Ancient Safeguards.

BY JOSEPH ATOR.

Lawless methods of law enforcement, particularly as they have appeared in the federal department of justice drive against "public enemies," met denunciation yesterday by two Chicago authorities on crime fighting, Frank J. Loesch, veteran president of the Chicago Crime commission, and Circuit Judge Harry M. Fisher.

Neither of the commentators sought to minimize the accomplishments of the department of justice agents in ridding the nation of a number of dangerous criminals. The question which they raised and answered in the negative, was whether the precedents of infringement on civil rights set by the agents will not in the long run prove more damaging to social security than the depredations of their criminal quarry.

Other Methods Win Objective.

Nor did their comment ignore the possibility that the agents might have accomplished the same ends without violation of the law. In this connection it has been pointed out that other crime fighting agencies, both federal and local, have rid the community of dangerous criminals by strictly legal procedure.

Mr. Loesch and Judge Fisher spoke from the viewpoint of legal philosophy. Centuries of experience, they say, have shown that certain limits are necessary on the powers of law enforcement officials.

Occasionally a law officer may step beyond these legal bounds in dealing with a criminal, and a slight transgression of this kind often is condoned or even praised by the public on the ground that the end justifies the means. But as officers wander farther beyond the limit of their legal powers they are likely to infringe on the rights not of criminal alone but of honest citizens.

Powers of Justice Agents.

Department of justice agents have certain powers, fixed by federal statutes. The limits of these powers were extended by an act passed by congress last June. It gave the agents the power to serve warrants and subpoenas (previously reserved in federal cases to the United States marshal and his deputies), to carry firearms, and to make arrests without warrants for felonious violations of those federal statutes with whose enforcement the department of justice is charged.

Two limits are placed by the statute on the last power. The arresting agent must have reasonable cause to believe that the prisoner would escape if time were taken to obtain a warrant, and the prisoner, once arrested, must be taken immediately before a committing officer—that is, a federal judge or United States commissioner.

Restrictions on Operatives.

There is one power which the agents do not possess legally. That is the right to remove a prisoner from one federal court district to another. This can be done only by a United States marshal, upon the order of a United States commissioner or judge. Such removals are roughly equivalent to the extradition of prisoners between states and are surrounded by law with safeguards comparable to those which govern extradition.

Nevertheless, in a number of cases, agents of the department of justice operating in Chicago have made arrests and held prisoners for as long as two weeks without taking them before a committing officer. They have on several occasions taken prisoners to other states without the formality of removal procedure.

They have, as a rule, operated in Chicago without giving any notice to Chicago police, a matter on which Mr. Loesch has commented caustically in the past.

Basic Right of Free Men.

"I have no reference to any particular case," commented Judge Fisher, "but in an abstract way I feel that the utter disregard and disrespect for the great institutions guarding human liberty, which have grown up during centuries of struggle for emancipation, is a more serious threat to social security than the depredations of the criminal element."

Mr. Loesch pointed out that while the right to a writ of habeas corpus as protection against illegal detention has become so commonplace that most comment today is directed at its abuse rather than its use, Americans should never forget that if the right be destroyed, no citizen, however honest or innocent, would be safe. He referred also to his recent annual report as president of the crime commission, in which he said:

"There has been, I think, some justifiable public criticism—and more of it in private—against the federal government's officers coming into the local jurisdiction to capture notorious gangsters, without taking Commissioner Allman into their confidence in ambushing and shooting down criminals."

Present Way too Costly.

"No pity need be expended upon criminals so killed; but the price paid in seeking to kill those outlaws was too high, as in the unsuccessful ambush near Mercer, W. Va. [where John Dillinger and his friends shot their

way out of the Little Bohemia resort, killing a federal operative and an innocent CCC worker], and the fight to death at Barrington with Lester Gillis [Baby Face Nelson], in which two splendid men's lives were sacrificed."

"From my standpoint as a lawyer, I doubt whether that is the effective way to end criminals' careers. I think that the state's sovereign rights should be recognized by federal officials; that the local police, who can be held responsible for any leakage of information, ought to be taken into confidence before such a raid is attempted. If this is not done, the present course may result in the loss of innocent lives and the escape of gangsters."

"In my opinion, this practice belittles the government and shows a lack of confidence in the laws to curb crime and criminals. Let the law carry the criminal to the electric chair or to the penitentiary, rather than make a hero of him."

How U. S. Handles Cases.

Brief details of some of the arrests by department of justice agents, principally in Chicago, within the last year, follow:

John J. [Boss] McLaughlin, former politician charged with handling some of the Bremer ransom money, was arrested on the morning of April 27 and was not arraigned before a committing officer until the afternoon of the following day. He charged that agents knocked out one of his teeth and threatened to drop him out of a 19th story window in the Bankers' building.

James Probasco, who harbored Dillinger, plunged to his death from a window in the same suite of offices on July 26. He had been arrested twelve hours before. A verdict of suicide was returned when the agents testified that he had not been questioned and had been left alone in the room. In the room in which the agents said they left Probasco unguarded were two shotguns.

Instances of Long Detention.

Several associates who testified against Attorney Louis Piquett when he was tried and acquitted of the charge of harboring Dillinger were held for several days following their arrest last August, without being taken before a committing officer as the law requires.

On Sept. 26 department of justice agents disclosed at Cleveland that they had had Mrs. Ethel Marech, associate of the Karpis-Barker gang, in custody for two weeks. She had never been taken before a committing officer, and at Cleveland was found to be in a state of nervous collapse which necessitated her treatment in the jail hospital. During her detention she had been taken to Akron and Chicago, although records available to the public show none of the removal proceedings required by law for such movements.

On Jan. 17 agents killed Russell Gibson, alleged member of the Karpis-Barker gang, in a north side apartment. They fired shots and tear gas into a neighboring apartment by mistake, and narrowly escaped a gun fight with police, who were unaware of their identity. Another fight with police was narrowly averted the night John Dillinger was killed.

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Mr. Hoover:

Attached is picture given to you by the
Attorney General.

Also attached is picture of Gleason which
does not show black eyes, from paper dated
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BREMER LAWYER SUES FOR RETURN OF RANSOM CASH

St. Paul, Minn., Feb. 15. — (AP) — Samuel Lipschultz, attorney for the Jacob Schmidt Brewing company, and Adolph Bremer today filed suit in District court here for the return of \$200,000 ransom paid a year ago for the release of Edward G. Bremer, banker here, held three weeks by kidnapers.

With the suit was filed a garnishment against Arthur [Doc] Barker, held in jail here awaiting trial for the abduction. Those named defendants in the suit are Alvin Karpis, Barker, Volney Davis, Harry Campbell, William Weaver, and William J. Harrison, all under indictment in connection with the kidnaping.

Lipschultz said the purpose of the suit was "to tie up such funds as may be in the possession of any of the gangsters when they are captured."

Two bags of clothing and \$350 allegedly found on Barker when he was arrested in Chicago five weeks ago were turned over to the United States marshal here today.

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PRISONER HELD WITHOUT WARRANT TELLS OF BEATING

U.S. Agents' Captive Freed on Bond After Week.

Matthew Gleason, who in pre-prohibition days laid claim to the title of "night mayor" of Aurora, charged yesterday that he had been beaten repeatedly by United States department of justice agents, who held him for a week without a warrant, in violation of federal statutes. He has since been charged with harboring Volney Davis, alleged participant in the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker. Davis escaped from two department of justice agents Feb. 6 at Yorkville.

Gleason, who was released last evening on a \$3,000 bond, exhibited two black eyes and severe bruises on his throat in proof of his charges. He said he had a number of other bruises elsewhere on his body. His attorney, Emil Schlan, announced that he will have Gleason examined by a physician, and if the physician's report justifies it he will ask the department of justice to investigate the conduct of its agents.

A "Town Character" for Years.

Gleason has been a town character in Aurora for a number of years. Police there said that he once served a thirty day sentence for a prohibition violation and was questioned once or twice in connection with petty gambling games, but that he had no serious police record and was not known as an associate of gangsters. He formerly kept a tavern.

Davis escaped from two department of justice agents, who were bringing him to Chicago from Kansas City, when their plane was forced down at Yorkville. The following day, Gleason said, Davis visited his home at 103 North 4th street, Aurora, stayed for several hours, and left after borrowing \$5. Gleason had previously known Davis in Aurora under the name of

"Curly" Hanson," he said. He did not know at the time of the visit that Davis was a fugitive from federal agents, he asserted last night.

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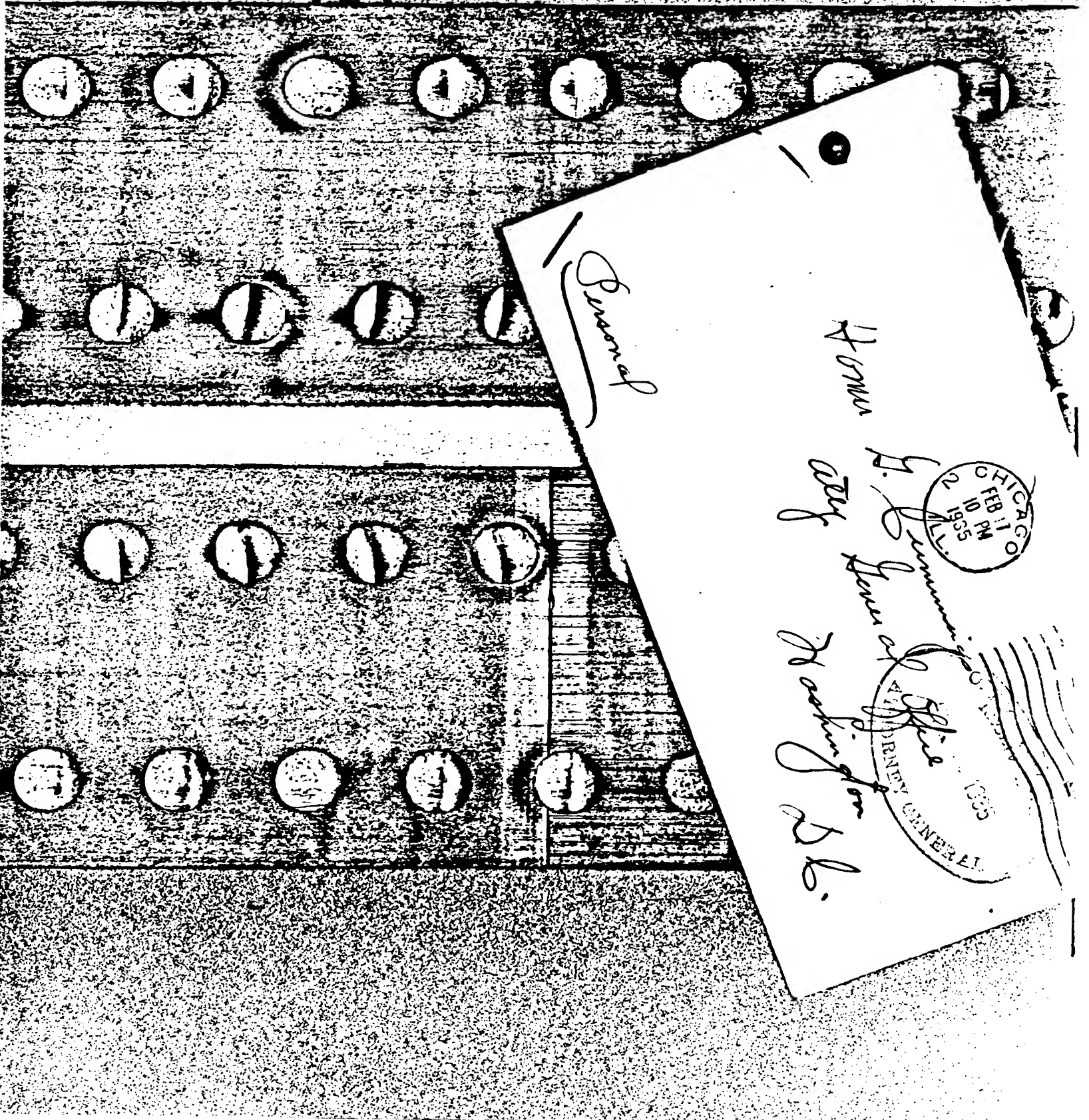
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Accuses Agents of Beating; Asks Quiz

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PRISONER HELD WITHOUT WARRANT TELLS OF BEATING

This is terrible
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U.S. Agents' Captive Freed
on Bond After Week.

Matthew Gleason, who in pre-prohibition days laid claim to the title of "night mayor" of Aurora, charged yesterday that he had been beaten repeatedly by United States department of justice agents, who held him for a week without a warrant, in violation of federal statutes. He has since been charged with harboring Volney Davis, alleged participant in the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker. Davis escaped from two department of justice agents Feb. 6 at Yorkville.

Gleason, who was released last evening on a \$2,000 bond, exhibited two black eyes and severe bruises on his throat in proof of his charges. He said he had a number of other bruises elsewhere on his body. His attorney, Emil Schlan, announced that he will have Gleason examined by a physician, and if the physician's report justifies it he will ask the department of justice to investigate the conduct of its agents.

A "Town Character" for Years.

Gleason has been a town character in Aurora for a number of years. Police there said that he once served a thirty day sentence for a prohibition violation and was questioned once or twice in connection with petty gambling games, but that he had no serious police record and was not known as an associate of gangsters. He formerly kept a tavern.

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CHARGES BEATING BY U. S. AGENTS; PLANS PROTEST

Ex-Tavern Owner Lists Injuries.

Matthew Gleason, former Aurora tavern owner, who charged that United States department of justice agents blackened both his eyes and beat him severely while he was in their custody for a week without a warrant, in violation of federal statutes, will make a protest to Attorney General Homer S. Cummings, it was announced yesterday by his attorney, Emil Schlan.

"I am sure the government will not countenance any such treatment of its prisoners," Attorney Schlan said. "Although the agents are subject to being tried for common assault the same as any other citizen, I don't believe Mr. Gleason will want to get out any such warrants for the men.

Holds Physician's Report.

"Justice should better be served by reporting the assaults to their superior."

Gleason was examined by Dr. Walter Venn of Chicago, and Attorney Schlan said a copy of the report will accompany his complaint to Washington. This report, according to the attorney, showed that Gleason's eyes were bruised and blackened, that he had numerous bruises and abrasions about the body, his hands were contused, that there was evidence of Gleason having received blows about the abdomen and that his mental and nervous reflexes had been dulled as a result.

Gleason, who was released Friday evening on a \$3,000 bond, had been charged with having harbored Volney Davis, alleged participant in the kidnapping of Edward G. Bremer of St. Paul.

Escape of Prisoner.

Davis escaped two department of

justice agents at Yorkville on Feb. 4 when one of them took him into a bar and bought him a glass of beer which the prisoner threw in his face and then leaped through a window.

After his release Gleason explained he formerly had known Davis under another name and that on Feb. 7 Davis visited him at his home, 102 North 4th street, Aurora, and borrowed \$5. He said he did not know Davis was an escaped federal prisoner.

Gleason said he could identify the department of justice agents who beat him.

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"Kissing Bandit" And Jess Doyle In St. Paul Jail

**Pair Linked to Bremer
Kidnaping 'Smuggled'
in by U. S. Agents.**

By the Associated Press.

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George F. Sullivan, United States district attorney, said the Bremer defendants would be tried together at the April term of court.

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Doyle, Bandit Kisser In Jail

Join 5 Other Bremer
Suspects Held Here.

St. Paul's colony of alleged kidnapers and conspirators now housed in Ramsey county jail stands at seven today.

Jess Doyle, alleged money changer, and Edna Murray, Kansas City's "kissing bandit" (and by the way quite a kissable person), were brought to St. Paul Sunday morning to face charges in connection with the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, here last winter.

The other five now held at the jail are Arthur (Doc) Barker, Elmer Farmer, Byron Bolton, Harold Allerton and James J. Wilson. The seven along with John J. McLaughlin, Philip Delaney and William E. Vidler, all of Chicago, and now free under \$5,000 bond each, are scheduled to go to trial in federal court here during the first week of April as either actual kidnapers or on conspiracy to kidnap.

There are 12 others now rated as fugitives who were indicted along with the 10 mentioned here as having something or other to do with the kidnaping of Mr. Bremer.

Doyle and the Murray woman were brought to St. Paul from Topeka, Kan., after they had been caught about 10 days ago at Pittsburg, Kan., following a running gun battle with federal officers.

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Girls Accused of Hiding Karpis Taken to Miami

Two Face Trial in Harboring of Fugitive Gangster

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They were in custody of United States Marshal Joseph S. Reing, of Philadelphia, and his deputy, Pearl Kington, and were met by a delegation of Department of Justice agents, who took them from the station platform to the county courthouse. There they were held incommunicado in default of \$15,000 bond each.

Dolores Delaney was still wearing a bandage over a leg wound suffered in the Atlantic City hotel shooting in which the women were caught, but Karpis and his companion, Harry Campbell, escaped. They were recently named by the Federal grand jury in Jacksonville in seven indictments charging them with hiding and conspiring with four men defendants to hide Karpis.

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EDNA MURRAY IN ST. PAUL.

With Jess Doyle, She Is Held in
the Bremer Abduction Case.

(By the Associated Press.)

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KISSING BANDIT AT TRIAL SCENE



Mrs. Edna Murray, 34-year-old, "kissing bandit," arrives at St. Paul, Minn., in custody of a U. S. marshal and a policewoman, to face trial on charges of participating in the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer.

'Kissing Bandit' Joins 'Kidnapers' in Jail

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"I had nothing to do with the Bremer kidnaping," said the comely blonde, who was dressed in the height of fashion.

The "kissing bandit" climbed over a fence at the Missouri women's prison farm for the second time while serving a 25-year term for robbery in November, 1931.

FIVE OTHERS IN JAIL

Held in jail here, in addition to Mrs. Murray and Doyle, are Arthur (Doc) Barker, formerly of St. Paul; Elmer Farmer, Bensenville, Ill., tavern keeper; Byron Bolton, Chicago; and Harold Alderton, in whose home the government charges Bremer was kept prisoner 23 days, all under indictment as the actual kidnapers, and James J. Wilson, Chicago, indicted for conspiracy.

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Girls in Karpis Case Facing Trial

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GIBBONS ADDS SIX MORE GUARDS TO PRE- VENT RAMSEY JAIL DELIVERY

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Fears Convict Gang On Way Here To Free Barker-Karpis Mob

Armed with submachine guns, tear gas bombs and with orders to "shoot to kill" federal government and Ramsey county authorities today prepared to block any attempt to liberate Arthur (Doc) Barker, Oklahoma outlaw, held at Ramsey county jail under indictment as one of the kidnapers of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker.

Six additional guards were put on duty Monday night. Anticipation that an attempted jail delivery may be attempted here followed tracing of three convicts who escaped from Oklahoma reformatory Sunday to Mankato, 85 miles south of St. Paul, Monday.

The three men were reported to have purchased three complete suits of clothing, discarded their prison garments and fled towards St. Paul in a stolen automobile, police reported.

Discard Clothing.
The discarded clothing has been turned over to state criminal authorities in St. Paul. Recalling that the infamous Karpis-Barker gang originated in the Crookston hills of Oklahoma, authorities felt that the fugitives might be coming here either in attempt to liberate Barker or to join other members of the gang, believed to be here.

Barker and six others, including Edna Murray, the "kissing bandit" and widow of "Diamond Joe" Sullivan, executed at Little Rock, Ark., in 1924, are held here in connection with the kidnaping of the St. Paul banker in January, 1934.

Shoot To Kill.

The jail guards are under specific orders to "shoot the prisoners" if a jail delivery is attempted.

Although Barker is believed to be the "boss" the other prisoners are just as carefully guarded. Besides Barker and the Murray woman the others held are: Jess Doyle, Elmer Farmer, Byron Bolton, Harold Alderton and James J. Wilson.

Escaped Convicts Leave Robbery Trail

By International News Service.
GRANT, Okla., Feb. 19.—Their trail marked by robberies and car thefts, 18 escaped prisoners of the Oklahoma state reformatory were still at large today in spite of searching parties that scoured western Oklahoma.

A recapitulation of Sunday's break when 31 convicts shot their way out of the institution came from Gov. W. Marland's announcement that the escape was planned by the "Barker-Karpis gang."

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Waters would be removed as warden of the reformatory.

On the job as warden for eight years, Mrs. Waters' administration of the reformatory was under investigation for alleged brutality and laxity. She charged that the investigation had created serious unrest in the prison, resulting in the escape plot. Peter Jones, tower guard, was shot and killed by the felons.

Gov. Marland announced that a state board of affairs would select a man for the warden's position. Chairman L. M. Nichols added explanation:

"It is no place for a woman." Two smuggled pistols made Sunday's break possible, it was determined.

Poses were hunting the fugitives desperadoes in an ever-widening circle. Three of the convicts stole deputy sheriff's automobile in St. Paul, 20 miles from here, and were unmolested. Robberies and thefts occurred at Geary, Carleton, Long Wolf and Elk C.

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ST. PAUL--ADDITIONAL GUARDS WERE PLACED AROUND ARTHUR (DOC) BARKER IN THE COUNTY JAIL TODAY AS AUTHORITIES RECEIVED A REPORT THAT THREE MEN BELIEVED TO BE FUGITIVES FROM THE OKLAHOMA STATE REFORMATORY WERE HEADING TOWARD THE TWIN CITIES.

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6 Extra Guards Added to Force At Ramsey Jail

Armed With Machine Guns
and Under "Shoot to Kill"
Orders.

Six extra guards armed with machine guns have been added to the force of the Ramsey county jail, N. L. Risedorph, chief jailer, announced today.

He added that all the jail guards have orders to "shoot to kill" in the event of any attempted prison deliveries. The additional guards were placed on duty because of the presence in the jail of Arthur (Doc) Barker and others charged with the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker. Risedorph asserted. They started on their tours of duty Sunday following the arrival at the jail of Jess Doyle and ~~Edna Murray~~ Murray, two of the abduction defendants, he said.

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Jesse Doyle (right) en route to trial with deputy.

On Way to Jail

(International)
THE LAST ROUNDUP—
 The year-old kidnaping of Banker Edward G. Bremer seems near solution. Ten have been arrested, and will face trial in St. Paul. Edna Murray, the "kissing bandit," and Jesse Doyle are the latest. Bremer paid \$200,000 for release.

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U. S. Agents Got Their Man— Didn't Know It!

It was learned yesterday that when federal agents captured Arthur ("Doc") Barker last month, they asked him:

"Have you seen 'Doc' Barker?"

Barker, by face-lifting and obliteration of fingerprints, was successful for a day in passing himself off as "Mr. Ascher," but he finally admitted who he was.

Through markings on a map found in the North Side apartment of Barker, now under indictment at St. Paul for the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, banker, agents traced his mother and brother, Fred, to Oklawaha, Fla., where they were killed.

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Chicago Herald & Examiner

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NEW YORK AMERICAN

Ohio Hunts Karpis In Tourist Camps

MANSFIELD, O., Feb. 19 (AP). —Loyal Hartman, 22, reported to police that a man resembling pictures of Alvin Karpis, Public Enemy No. 1, stopped at a filling station today and inquired about tourist camps.

Police unsuccessfully searched all camps for the man who is sought in connection with the Bremer kidnaping.

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BREMER CASE 'CATCH' AIRED

Volney Davis Nabbed Here in Auto Shop.

Details of the capture here of Volney Davis, Bremer kidnaping suspect, who escaped from federal agents at Yorkville, Ill., February 7 after being taken from here the same day, were revealed Thursday to the Journal-Post by witnesses to the capture.

At the same time the question arose whether Alvin Karpis, St. Paul gangster, also wanted in connection with the Bremer case, is in Kansas City to wreak vengeance on those responsible for the apprehension of Davis.

Three months ago Mrs. Vinita Stacey, now held for the shooting February 6 of Mrs. Frances Taylor in front of 3413 Gillham road, purchased a Pontiac coach from a Kansas City dealer. She gave the name of "Mrs. Harper" at the time.

Agents Hear of Purchase.

Federal agents learned of the purchase two months later, but were unable to locate Mrs. Stacey or her companions in Kansas City.

February 4 a man drove the car into the United Motors Service shops at Twenty-fifth street and McGee trafficway. He ordered the car washed and said he would call for it the following day.

On the same day an employee of the dealer which sold the car to Mrs. Stacey saw it in the United Motors shops. Federal agents were notified and they immediately took up a

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DETAILS BARED IN CAPTURE HERE OF BREMER SUSPECT

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vigil, waiting for the man to reappear.

The following day Mrs. Taylor was shot and the man did not call for the car. At 11:30 o'clock the next morning he appeared for the machine.

As he walked into the plant a federal agent, who had donned white overalls to appear as an employe, walked up to him. He commanded the man to stick up his hands. Seven other agents, three armed with machine guns, closed in on the suspect, who was Davis.

Gesture Toward Gun.

Employees of the United Motors Service company said Thursday that Davis started to reach for a gun in a shoulder holster. An agent leveled a machine gun at Davis and repeated the command to "stick 'em up."

The same employes who saw the capture picked out a picture of Davis Thursday to verify the story. The agents searched Davis and found two guns, one in a shoulder holster and another in his right hip pocket.

They placed him in a car and hurried him to the municipal airport, where a plane was chartered and piloted by Joseph Jacobson. The first statement by government agents announced that Jess Doyle was the suspect captured. However, after the suspect escaped at Yorkville when agents took off his handcuffs to permit him to drink a glass of beer it was revealed it was Davis and not Doyle.

Doyle was subsequently captured the next day near Girard, Kas., with Edna Murray, Kansas City's "kissing bandit," and sister of Mrs. Stacey.

"Man Looked Like Karpis."

At the time employes of the United Motors Service company selected a photograph of Davis as the man captured by federal agents, a photograph of Alvin Karpis was selected by two employes as resembling a man seen near the agency last Monday morning.

"We noticed this man park a coupe about one hundred yards south of the plant," said one employe, who would not permit the use of his name. "He walked down in front and looked in and then walked back to the car again." This employe said the man "certainly looked a lot like Karpis."

The man has not been seen near the agency since. It is believed Karpis might have been in Kansas City with Doyle and Davis at the time and was preparing to avenge the capture of Davis by an assault on someone employed at the United Motors Service company.

It was reported by federal agents here that Karpis still is at large.

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**VOTE IN
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 BREMER**

A true bill of indictment returned by the grand jury of the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, charging Volney Davis, Bremer kidnaping suspect, was returned today before Federal Judge Phillip L. Sullivan, just a few hours before Gleason was to be arraigned before United States Commissioner Edwin K. Walker.

Gleason was arrested after Davis had eluded two department of justice agents at Yorkville, Ill. Davis came to Aurora and borrowed some money from Gleason, who contended that he knew him under another name as a hanger-on at the Aurora race track. Gleason was held by department of justice agents for eight days, finally being booked when his attorney threatened habeas corpus proceedings.

When turned over to the United States marshal he had two black eyes and numerous bruises, and asserted he had been beaten up by the federal agents.

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CHICAGO--NOW THAT HE'S COOLED DOWN A BIT, MATTHEW GLEASON REALLY DOESN'T BLAME THE UNIDENTIFIED FEDERAL AGENT WHO PLANTED A BLACK RING AROUND HIS RIGHT EYE.

GLEASON IS ACCUSED OF HARBORING VOLNEY DAVIS, SUSPECT IN THE KIDNAPING OF EDWARD G. BREMER OF ST. PAUL: FEDERAL AGENTS ARRESTED HIM TWO WEEKS AGO IN AURORA.

"THEY SAID I HID DAVIS AND I MIGHT AS WELL CONFESS," GLEASON EXPLAINED AT HIS ARRAIGNMENT. "ONE OF THEM SAID 'WE AGENTS ARE LIKE THE CANADIAN MOUNTIES, WE ALWAYS GET OUR MAN'."

"I SAID 'YES, AND THE MOUNTIES ALWAYS KEEP THEM.'"

"AND THEN THEY CLOUTED ME. IT WAS A GOOD WISECRACK, THOUGH, AND I FIGURE IT WAS WORTH A SHINER."

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a lot of truth in this.

*Recd to S.A.C. Conference
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Held in Bremer Kidnaping



Associated Press Wirephoto—Today's Pictures Today
James Doyle, known as the "money changer," and Edna Murray, "kissing bandit," are shown as they waited Friday in jail at Kansas City, Kan., for action to be taken on the Federal charge that they conspired in the kidnaping of wealthy Edward G. Bremer, of St. Paul.

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*Where is his
left ear?*

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**Indicted Woman Hunted
In Bremer's Kidnaping**

New York, Feb. 24 (AP).—New York police tonight pressed a search for Myrtle Eaton, 32, who is under indictment in connection with the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, of St. Paul, for \$200,000. The search was requested by the Federal Department of Justice.

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Karpis Woman Aid Hunted on East Side

While New York police searched the underworld dives of the Ghetto yesterday for Myrtle Eaton, 32, pretty St. Paul brunette, a confederate of Alvin Karpis, notorious fugitive kidnaper, Omaha authorities believed they had eliminated two members of the Clyde Barrow gang, which has terrorized Central States for the last two years.

Trail Gets Hotter



ALVIN KARPIS
Police comb Ghetto for his alleged girl-accomplice.

In a running gun battle which cost the life of one policeman and the serious wounding of another, one of the gangsters, still unidentified, was shot and killed, while the other, James Smith, an ex-convict pal of Barrow, was captured.

HAD MACHINE GUNS.

Both carried a large supply of weapons, including sub-machine guns.

The slain policeman, Raymond Wolf, and his wounded partner, Clarence Dochsen, picked up the trail of the two gunmen when they received a telephone call from a grocery store which had been robbed.

New York police were tipped off to the presence here of the Eaton girl by J. Edgar Hoover, head of

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Killer Karpis's 'Moll' Hunted On East Side

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the Department of Justice, Washington. Karpis is wanted for the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, wealthy St. Paul banker, paid \$200,000 ransom.

Like two other girls, Dolores Delaney, 22, who recently birth to a son, and Winona dette, 23, former radio singer, were captured after Karpis and a pal, Harry Campbell, had shot their way out of an Atlantic City police trap several weeks ago, the Eaton woman faces a Federal charge of harboring a fugitive.

In a Department of Justice "flyer," distributed all over the country, she is described as a notorious shoplifter, with aliases of Ruth Martin, Alice Martin, Sue Bond, Sue Hubble and Myrtle King. She has been arrested many times.

A native of Iowa, her closest relative is said to be Mrs. Ruby Hubbard Peterson Jones, a sister, living at 1113 S. E. Kirkwood Ave., Des Moines.

With 22 others, including Karpis and Arthur and Fred Barker, the Eaton woman was indicted by the St. Paul Federal Grand Jury on last Jan. 22.

A few days prior to Karpis' sensational escape in a hail of police bullets, Fred Barker and his mother, "Ma" Barker, were slain by Federal agents in their hideaway in Florida. And it subsequently was disclosed that Arthur Barker had been arrested in Chicago a few days earlier and had disclosed their whereabouts.

KIDNAPED PHYSICIAN.

After fleeing from their Atlantic City hideout, leaving their two girl friends behind, Karpis and Campbell kidnaped Dr. Horace Hunsicker, Pennsylvania physician, and tossed him out of his own car several hundred miles westward, continuing on in his car in their mad flight.

Since then the car, badly damaged, was recovered where the pair had abandoned it in a lonely gully draining into the Truckee River, near Reno, Nevada. Karpis and Campbell are believed to be hidden out in the vicinity of San Francisco.

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U. S. Hunts Woman With 6 Aliases in Bremer Kidnaping

If you know the whereabouts of Myrtle Eaton—also known as Ruth Martin, Ruth Hubbard, Sue Bond, Sue Hubble, Alice Martin and Myrtle King—notify the nearest office of the Department of Justice.

The Federal authorities broadcast a circular yesterday announcing that the woman, 32, weighing 126 pounds, and with black hair and gray eyes, is wanted in connection with the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul, Minn., banker.

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KANSAS CITY JOURNAL-POST:

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 1935

**But Edna Murray Denies
Part in Bremer Abduction.**

ST. PAUL, MINN., Feb. 25.—(UP)—Mrs. Edna Murray, known as Kansas City's "kissing bandit," admitted Monday that she and Volney Davis were in St. Paul on the day Edward G. Bremer was kidnaped and held for \$200,000 ransom. She denied, however, that she or Davis had any part in the abduction.

"I don't know this man Bremer from a load of coal," said the comely blond whose attractiveness belies her 35 years.

Both she and Davis, who escaped by dashing a stein of beer in a federal agent's face at Yorkville, Ill., three weeks ago while being transported from Kansas City, are under indictment in the kidnaping of the wealthy banker.

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**BREMER KIDNAP
 CASE WOMAN IS
 SOUGHT IN EAST**

New York, Feb. 24.—(AP)—New York police tonight, at the request of federal agents, pressed a search for Myrtle Eaton, also known as Ruth Martin, 32. She was indicted Jan. 22 this year in connection with the \$200,000 kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer of St. Paul. New York police records show she was arrested "for investigation" in Des Moines on Dec. 9, 1931, under the name of Ruth Martin, but later released.

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Chicago Tribune

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**U. S. Lays Kidnaping
Of Bremer to Three**

By the Associated Press.

St. Paul, Feb. 25.—Assigning roles in kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, the Government will charge the actual abduction of the St. Paul banker to Alvin Karpis, Harry Campbell and a third hoodlum, it was learned today. Campbell and Karpis recently shot their way out of an Atlantic City hotel.

The Government also will charge that Fred C. Goetz, university-trained bandit found dead in Chicago a month after Bremer's abduction, helped the late Fred Barker in "advance work" for the \$200,000 abduction. *Wash Post 2-26-35*

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Love Justified Aiding Barrow Mother State

Bonnie Parker's Parents
Offer Same Defense
to Federal Jury

By the Associated Press.

Dallas, Tex., Feb. 25.—The mothers of Clyde Barrow and Bonnie Parker were held before a Federal jury today as justification for harboring the state hunt couple when every law enforcement agency of the Southwest was seeking them.

Attorneys for the two women, Mrs. Cumbis Barrow, mother of Clyde, and Mrs. Emma Parker, mother of Bonnie, pleaded with the jury that mother love would not allow them to betray their children. Mrs. Barrow testified in her own defense Saturday. Mrs. Parker did not take the stand.

The case against Mrs. Barrow, Mrs. Parker and 18 other defendants was given to the jury late in the day. The jury began its deliberations, but Federal Judge W. H. McWell announced court would reconvene again until tomorrow morning.

18 Others Accused

For the 18 other persons accused of harboring the fugitives, killed in Louisiana last May by a group of officers headed by a former Texas Ranger, their attorneys pleaded lack of knowledge of formal charges pending against them as the case ended and legal arguments began. The Government alleges the defendants aided and harbored Barrow and Bonnie with full knowledge that they were wanted on Federal charges.

The fifth defendant to change his plea, John Basden, today entered a plea of guilty to the charge. Others who have changed their pleas at various stages of the trial are Mary O'Dare, former companion of Raymond Hamilton, fugitive; James Mullen, Joe Francis and Mrs. Blanche Barrow, widow of the slain Buck Barrow, a brother of Clyde.

Judge William H. Atwell, at the opening of today's session, overruled motions for instructed verdicts acquitting Mrs. Emma Parker, Mrs. Mildred Hamilton, wife of Floyd Hamilton, Raymond's brother, Mrs. Steve Davis, mother of Raymond Hamilton, Marie Francis, sister of Clyde Barrow, and Andrew Ray Barrow.

Bonnie's Sister Testifies

Billy Mae, sister of Bonnie Parker, the only witness presented today before the Federal jury, told how the families and associates of the fugitive couple were notified of planned meetings in and

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REPORT KARPIS IN INDIANA

DETROIT, March 1.—(By International News Service.)—Michigan state police broadcast a bulletin early today that Alvin Karpis and three companions were reported driving between Elkhart and Mishawaka, Ind.

The bulletin said Karpis was in a Packard sedan bearing Indiana license No. M-1557. Karpis was said to have left Elkhart shortly after 7 o'clock.

All officers were warned to shoot to kill if they met the desperadoes.

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Chicago American

MAR 1 - 1935

40 Are Indicted In Mail Robbery

CHICAGO, March 1 (U.P.). Forty persons were indicted on conspiracy charges by a Federal grand jury today in connection with the \$237,000 robbery of a bank messenger in December, 1931. Included was John J. "Boss" McLaughlin, Chicago politician, under indictment on charges of participation in the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer.

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BOSS M'LAUGHLIN, 39 REINDICTED IN U. S. MAIL HOLDUP

Outgrowth of \$237,000 Robbery in Loop.

John J. [Boss] McLaughlin, gambler and politician, and thirty-nine others were named yesterday in a blanket indictment charging them with conspiracy to dispose of bonds and securities stolen in the \$237,000 mail robbery which took place at Clark and Adams street on Dec. 6, 1932. The indictment was returned by the federal grand jury before Judge Philip L. Sullivan.

A second indictment charged twenty-two of the 40 defendants with actual possession of the bonds. All of those named have been indicted previously in groups of three and four in various parts of the United States. The present action, according to Assistant United States Attorney Edward A. Fisher, was taken in order to bring all the defendants together for trial in Chicago.

Most of Bonds Recovered.

The indictments yesterday concluded an investigation which began when five gunmen leaped from their car at Clark and Adams streets, overpowered a mail carrier and his guard, and escaped with the securities. All of the \$100,000 in Liberty bonds taken have been recovered by postoffice inspectors, and most of the other stolen bonds also have been regained.

McLaughlin and Louis Wolfe, identified by investigators as a salesman who specialized in stolen bonds, were named as the ringleaders of the plot to sell the securities. Also named in the indictment was Attorney Clarke B. Richie, in whose office, according to the government, the conspirators met. Murder and suicide marked the two year investigation of the theft and the disposal of the bonds. Edgar Lebensberger, once owner of the 225 club, Chicago night spot at 225 East Superior street; Gus Winkler, north side gang leader, and Ted Vergilio, Chicago labor racketeer and robber, met death as postal inspectors rounded up the gang.

Trail of Suicide and Murder.

Lebensberger shot and killed himself when news leaked out that he was to be named in an indictment in October, 1932. Winkler was riddled by gangland guns in front of Charles Weber's beer distributing company, 2414 Roscoe street, on Oct. 2, 1932.

The conspiracy indictment charged that the 40 conspirators met in groups of three and four throughout the United States to make plans to dispose of the bonds. In Chicago, Attorney Richie's office, the 225 club, and a basement rendezvous at 20 West Lake street were used for planning sales and splitting profits, government agents said.

Besides McLaughlin, Wolfe, and Richie, the defendants named in both indictments include Sam [Baby Doll] Levick, Chicago professional bondsman; Sam Labow, Chicago druggist now serving a term in Leavenworth prison for another stolen bond deal; Marco F. De Grasse and his brother, Vincent, New York and Chicago gamblers.

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List of Other Defendants.

Also named in the two indictments are Louis Fratto, former Capone aid; Bud Gentry, said to be a former Chicago night club owner and friend of Al Capone; Gus Anders, once a follower of the late Thomas Maloy, head of the movie operators' union, and Ralph Berger, Chicago restaurant owner. Others are James Weinberg, Chicago; Louis C. Perrott, Chicago; Charles [Cherry Nose Charlie] Joye, John M. Minnec, Al Miller, Chicago bond salesman; Harry A. Sodini, St. Paul Jeweler; Ernest C. Henning, Chicago importer; Joseph L. Vodak, Byron Carey, a man named only as "Joe," and Robert Polhamus, all of Chicago.

The following eighteen defendants are named only in the conspiracy indictment: Dave and Maurice Fishman, Julius Riseman, and Attorney Thaddeus S. Stevens, all of Springfield, Ill.; Edgar Bagaroz, New York attorney; Dominick Gentile and Robert Roberts, New York; Doddridge Farrell, St. Louis; F. E. Colvin of Kansas City, Mo.; Clem Ehringer, Leon H. Winter, William H. Schultz, Louis Krieger, Bernard F. Spangler, Thomas H. Baird, William Graves, Joe Levin, and Edna Lovig.

Chicago Tribune

MAR 2 - 1933

U. S. RE-INDICTS M'LAUGHLIN IN LOOP MAIL COUP

Thirty-Nine Others Accused;
Speeding of Stolen Bonds
by Airplanes Is Disclosed

With amazing disclosures about a huge stolen bond syndicate, John J. ("Boss") McLaughlin and thirty-nine others yesterday were re-indicted for the daring \$237,000 loop postal robbery of December 6, 1932.

The indictment revealed that the band operated from New York City to Dallas, Tex., often by airplane, disposing of bonds, stocks, currency and mortgages taken in the daylight raid on two postal clerks in front of the Commonwealth Edison Building.

All of the forty defendants have been indicted in various sections of the country, and the new indictment returned before Federal Judge Philip L. Sullivan is intended to bring all of them here for trial.

They are charged with conspiracy and possession of stolen securities.

Named with McLaughlin as leaders are Louis Wolfe, reputed salesman of stolen securities; Gus Anders, gunman for the late Thomas E. Maloy; Louis Fratto, former Capone lieutenant; Attorney Clarke R. Richie, in whose office sale of the stolen securities is alleged to have been arranged; Sam Levick, bondsman; Rocco F. and Vincent DeGrasse, Chicago gamblers.

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Chicago Herald & Examiner

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NEW INDICTMENT BARES SCOPE OF 'HOT-BOND' RING

The nationwide proportions on which a gang of dealers in stolen securities operated were revealed today following the reindictment of John J. ("Boss") McLaughlin and thirty-nine others for conspiracy to dispose of \$237,000 in bonds taken in a mail robbery at Clark and Adams street on Dec. 6, 1932.

All of the men named in the indictment had been indicted before in widespread sections of the United States and were named in a blanket charge by the federal grand jury here to bring them together for trial in Chicago.

Suicide and murder marked the investigation of the conspiracy. Edgar Lebensberger, owner of the 225 Club, night club and gambling joint, killed himself. Gus Winkler, former north side gang boss, and Ted Vergilio, a lesser light in the conspiracy, have since been murdered.

The indictment charges that the conspirators had rendezvous in Chicago, where plans were made for the distribution and sale of the stolen securities. It alleges that they gathered in the office of Attorney Clarke B. Richie, who was named in the indictment; at the 225 Club, 225 East Superior street, and in a basement spot at 20 West Lake street.

Postal inspectors spent two years in rounding up the gang and accounting for all of the securities stolen.

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JOLIET CONVICT TO STAND TRIAL IN BREMER CASE

Oliver A. Berg, one of those indicted for the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, now is serving a sentence of ten years to life in Joliet penitentiary for another crime. It was learned yesterday. Berg is charged in the indictment with having handled some of the \$200,000 ransom money.

Berg, with Harry Linard and George Brown was sentenced in December, 1926, for the robbery of three jewelry salesmen of half a million dollars worth of diamonds on an Illinois Central passenger train near Urbana. All pleaded guilty. Berg and Linard originally were sentenced to life imprisonment, but these terms were changed by the Supreme court. They were granted liberty pending habeas corpus proceedings and Berg was a fugitive until he was captured last August.

It was reported yesterday that Berg will be taken to St. Paul to stand trial in April with the other defendants in the kidnaping case.

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**SUSPECT IN MAIL-
LOOT PLOT HERE
IS SEIZED IN N. Y.**

Louis Wolfe, 44 years old, who was one of forty persons indicted in federal court here Friday for conspiracy to dispose of securities taken in the \$237,000 mail robbery at Clark and Adams streets on Dec. 6, 1932, was arrested at his home in New York last night. Wolfe told the New York police that he had been in Chicago the day of the holdup. He denied, however, that he had anything to do with it.

Federal investigators have described John J. [Boss] McLaughlin and Wolfe as the leaders of the conspiracy. With twenty others, they were also indicted Friday for having possession of the bonds.

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WOLFE, NAMED IN M'LAUGHLIN PLOT, SEIZED

Arrested as Fugitive in N. Y.;
Admits His Friendship With
'Boss,' but Denies Robbery

NEW YORK, March 2.—(U.S.)—
Louis Wolfe, 44, accused of being
the most successful disposer of
stolen merchandise in New York,
was locked up tonight as a fugitive
from justice.

He was named in Chicago Friday
in an indictment with James J.
("Boss") McLaughlin and others in
a conspiracy to dispose of bonds
and securities stolen in a \$237,000
mail robbery in Chicago in 1932.

Wolfe was seized on his way to
a movie with his wife and her sis-
ter.

Wolfe readily admitted that Mc-
Laughlin is a good friend of his
and that he was in Chicago De-
cember 6, 1932, the day of the rob-
bery, and left for New York by
plane the following day. But he
insisted he was innocent.

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Facing Trial Here



LOUIS WOLFE.
 [Associated Press Wirephoto.]

New York, March 4.—[Special].—
 Louis Wolfe, who is under indictment
 in Chicago in connection with a \$237-
 000 robbery of securities from the mail,
 and who was captured here yesterday,
 was arraigned today before United
 States Commissioner Isaac Platt.
 Wolfe's bond was fixed at \$5,000, and
 he is held pending removal to Chicago
 for trial. Indicted with Wolfe for con-
 spiracy to dispose of the stolen securi-
 ties are John J. [Boss] McLaughlin,
 Chicago politician, and thirty-eight
 others.

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Release Asked In Karpis Case

MIAMI, Fla., March 6 (U.P.).
A Detroit attorney indicated to-
night that an attempt will be
made to secure release on bond of
Cassius McDonald, of Detroit, un-
der six indictments charging har-
boring and conspiracy to harbor
Alvin Karpis, desperado. T. F.
Kennedy, Detroit attorney, tele-
graphed local officials here for in-
formation regarding conditions
under which the prisoner would be
released.

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**VOTE IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
 ON THE BREMER KIDNAPING BILL**

A true bill charging Matt Gleason, Aurora tavern keeper, with harboring Volney Davis, Bremer kidnaping suspect, was returned today before Federal Judge Phillip L. Sullivan, just a few hours before Gleason was to be arraigned before United States Commissioner Edwin K. Walker.

Gleason was arrested after Davis had eluded two department of justice agents at Yorkville, Ill. Davis came to Aurora and borrowed some money from Gleason, who contended that he knew him under another name as a hanger-on at the Aurora race track. Gleason was held by department of justice agents for eight days, finally being booked when his attorney threatened habeas corpus proceedings.

When turned over to the United States marshal he had two black eyes and numerous bruises, and asserted he had been beaten up by the federal agents.

Chicago Daily News
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Buffalo Sightseer Jailed For Talking to Prisoners



AL MURRELL

**Al Murrell Has Hard Time
Convincing Miami Po-
lice He Isn't Linked
With Karpis Gang After
Chatting With Women.**

Special to the Buffalo Evening News.
MIAMI, March 7. — It'll probably
be a long time before Al Murrell, 27,
Buffalo hotel employe, goes on an-
other sightseeing tour around
county jails.

At least, if he does, he won't be so
quick about talking with the prison-
ers.

Al was released from the tower of
the Dade County courthouse Wed-
nesday, 48 hours after he had gone
there to see Miami from its lofty
heights. The county jail is in the
tower.

An observation platform is located
on the 24th floor, and one floor
above are prisoners' cells. Until
Monday, when Mr. Murrell visited
the tower, two notorious women
prisoners occupied a cell overlook-
ing the observation platform.

They were Delores Delaney and
Wynona Burdette, who were await-
ing trial on charges of concealing
Alvin Karpis, fugitive gangster, in
and near Miami.

But Mr. Murrell, who came here
from Buffalo last December with a
motoring party, didn't know that,
so when the women addressed him
from the window above, he cheer-
fully conversed with them.

The next thing he knew was he
was bundled into jail and it took
two days for him to convince the
authorities that he didn't know the
women and certainly had no inten-
tion of aiding them to escape.

The two women were arrested in
Atlantic City Jan. 20, when police
set a trap for Karpis and Harry
Campbell, last of the Bremer kid-
nap gang. The men escaped but the
women, their alleged sweethearts,
were captured and brought back to
Florida.

Mr. Murrell is a former employe
of Buffalo hotels. His uncle, O. L.
Murrell, resides at 428 Baynes
street, Buffalo.

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Held in Bremer Kidnap.
CHICAGO, March 7 (US)—
Charged with harboring Volney
Davis, a suspect in the Bremer
kidnaping in St. Paul, Matt Gleason,
Aurora, Ill., tavern owner, today
was indicted by a Federal grand jury.

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which the party had flown from Kansas City was forced down nearby. The voting and return of the indictment prevented a hearing which had been set for yesterday afternoon before United States Commissioner Edwin K. Walker, when Gleason's attorney, Gerald Wiley, planned to bring out charges that Gleason had been beaten while he was held for seven days by federal agents without a warrant.

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The indictment charged Gleason with having harbored and concealed Davis in his home at 102 North 4th street, Aurora, a few hours after Davis escaped. Gleason said he told the agents Davis came to his home on that date, but that he did not know Davis was a fugitive.

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FRIEND OF KARPIS PAL FALLS FLAT ON SQUEAL

Matthew Gleason, the Aurora tavern keeper whose eyes changed color during a week with federal agents, today was in the frustrated position of having a lot to say and no opportunity to do it.

Through his attorney, Gleason demanded an early trial on the government's charges of harboring Volney Davis, fugitive Karpis-Barker gangster. Gleason was all set to speak his piece on brutal treatment before U. S. Comr. Walker, but two hours earlier the grand jury had indicted him and the hearing was dismissed.

A new bond of \$3,000 was posted, and Gleason went away still

anxious to complain about having been severely beaten during questioning.

In his first public appearance after being in custody of department of justice men for a week, the tavern keeper displayed two black eyes and assorted bruises. The "shiners" were gone in his latest court appearance, but Gleason's intention to complain hadn't changed.

Gleason is charged with harboring Davis after the gangster eluded two federal agents in Taylorville. En route to Chicago from Missouri, where Davis was seized, the agents stopped at a bar in Taylorville. Davis slugged the one guarding him and escaped.

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BREMER KIDNAP SUSPECT HELD IN CHICAGO

Word reached the Department of Justice late today of the arrest in Chicago of Bruno "Whitey" Austin, Minneapolis gangster, wanted for many months for complicity in the Bremer kidnaping in St. Paul more than a year ago.

Taken into custody for a local offense, he was jailed in Chicago and it is understood will be turned over to Federal authorities there for prosecution under an indictment returned in May, 1934, against various members of the Karpis-Barker gang, which engineered the kidnaping.

J. Edgar Hoover, director of investigation for the Department of Justice, confirmed the report of Austin's arrest.

Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, was seized and carried to a secret hiding place on January 17, 1934.

He was released near Rochester, Minn., on February 7, 1934, following the payment of \$200,000 to the Twin Cities gang, of which Austin was a member.

Fred Barker and his mother, Mrs. Kate Barker, were shot down in Florida in January of this year by Department of Justice agents. Arthur Barker, a brother of Fred, is in jail in St. Paul. Alvin Karpis, coleader of the gang, is still at large.

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Bremer Suspect— Is Named by U. S.

Bruno Austin Indicted in St. Paul Kidnaping.

By the Associated Press.

Justice Department officials said yesterday that Bruno Austin, under arrest in Chicago, was one of the men indicted for the Edward G. Bremer kidnaping at St. Paul, Minn.

J. Edgar Hoover, director of the Bureau of Investigation, said Austin, arrested on the church steps after his wedding, was indicted for the St. Paul kidnaping under the name of "Whitie."

Bremer, banker, was kidnaped January 17, 1934, and held until February 4, when \$200,000 ransom was paid.

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Putis Identified in Bremer Kidnaping

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The Department of Justice yesterday confirmed reports that Bruno Putis, arrested in Chicago, has been identified as a member of the Bremer kidnaping ring. He was arrested January 20 charged with jumping bail and robbery.

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Bremer Kidnaping Suspect Held

WASHINGTON, March 11 (AP) — J. Edgar Hoover, head of the Bureau of Investigation in the Justice Department, said today Bruno Austin, under arrest in Chicago, was one of the men indicted for the Edward G. Bremer kidnaping at St. Paul, Minn.

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BREMER SUSPECT Newlywed Called 'Whitey'

Arrested Leaving the Altar

Bruno Putas, the handsome youth arrested January 21 on the steps of Holy Trinity Orthodox Cathedral as he was leaving with his bride following the wedding ceremony, yesterday was revealed as an alleged member of the gang which obtained \$200,000 from Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, after holding him prisoner for three weeks.

Putas has been held since his wedding day arrest by Chicago police, ostensibly as a bond jumper in an automobile theft case.

But according to a statement made yesterday

in Washington by J. Edgar Hoover, Bureau of Investigation chief, this was done at direction of the federal government, which hoped to trap Putas' alleged accomplices, among them Public Enemy No. 1, Alvin Karpis.

Hoover declared that Putas is the mysterious "Whitey," indicted in the Bremer case along with twenty-two others, twelve of whom are now accounted for.

Seven of those indicted, including



MRS. MARIE PUTAS—Her bridegroom linked to kidnapers.

Arthur ("Doc") Barker, co-leader of the Karpis-Barker gang, and three others said to be concerned in the actual kidnaping, are being held in St. Paul.

Three Chicagoans, "Boss" John McLaughlin, William Vidler, and Paul J. Delaney are free on bond. Oliver Berg is in prison in Joliet.

Putas and his pretty 18-year-old bride were coming down the church steps and pausing for the congratulations of friends and relatives when police dashed among the guests and grabbed the bridegroom. At that time he gave his name as Bruno Austin.

Since then Mrs. Putas has made half a dozen efforts to have him freed.

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INDICT CAPTIVE HERE IN BREMER KIDNAPING CASE

Bruno Austin Is Groom Arrested at Church.

CRIMINAL COURT.

William Francis and John Avonis, robbery, sentenced to 1 year to life, each, in the penitentiary.

Casimir Worth and Joseph Dreyer, larceny, sentenced to 1 to 10 years each in the penitentiary.

Eugene Davis and Houston Collins, robbery, sentenced to 1 to 20 years each in the penitentiary by Judge Harry B. Miller.

(Picture on back page.)

Bruno Austin, held in the Cook county jail since he was arrested almost two months ago on the steps of the Russian Holy Trinity cathedral as he was departing with his bride after their wedding ceremony, is under indictment in St. Paul for the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, wealthy brewer. Department of justice officials revealed yesterday that Austin, under the name of Whitey, was one of twenty-two persons indicted for the ransom kidnaping. A detainer for his arrest is now in the hands of jail authorities.

He will be arraigned in Criminal court Thursday on a robbery charge before Judge Donald S. McKinlay. The federal government is expected not to move against Austin until the state is finished with him, although his arrest on the robbery charge was brought about by federal agents. Other captives named in the Bremer indictment will be tried in the April term of federal court in St. Paul.

Account for 12 of 22 in Gang.

Identification of Austin as one of the kidnapers now accounts for the whereabouts of twelve of the twenty-two persons named in the indictments. Seven of those indicted, including Arthur [Doc] Barker, are in jail in St. Paul. Three, John [Boss] McLaughlin, William Vidler and Paul J. Delaney, all of Chicago, are free on bond. One, Oliver H. Berg, is in Joliet prison, and Austin is in the Cook county jail on automobile theft charges. Among those still sought is Alvin Karpis, associat-

leader with Barker of the Barker-Karpis gang.

Bremer was kidnaped on Jan. 17, 1934, and was released on Feb. 7 after payment of a \$200,000 ransom. Some of the ransom money has since been recovered, chiefly through the arrest of McLaughlin.

New Family Remains Loyal.

Austin was arrested by state's attorney's police, acting on information from federal agents, just as the wedding party was leaving the church. Federal agents explained that the government preferred to have Austin in state custody.

His bride, the former Marie Benko, 18 years old, and scores of wedding guests almost precipitated a riot at the church, but were assured by Austin that it all was a big mistake. The bride and members of her family have reiterated their belief in Austin.

Department of justice agents in Chicago refused to reveal what part Austin is alleged to have played in the kidnaping, although St. Paul dispatches stated that Austin was in the conspiracy to kidnap, but probably not in the actual abduction.

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BRIDEGROOM NAMED AS BREMER KIDNAPER.
 Bruno Austin, Chicago captive indicted in the abduction of Edward G. Bremer in St. Paul, and his bride, Marie. Austin was seized recently as he left church after wedding.
 [TRIBUNE Photos.] (Story on page 6.)

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LINK BARKER GANG TO HOLDUP HERE

The murder of Policeman Miles Cunningham, mowed down with a machine gun in the sensational Federal Reserve bank holdup on Sept. 22, 1933, was definitely linked to the Barker-Karpis gang today.

The announcement came from Harold E. Stassen, attorney for Dakota county in Minnesota, according to an Associated Press dispatch from South St. Paul.

GUN IDENTIFIED

Stassen declared that he had received information from Washington also that the same machine gun used to kill Cunningham had been identified as the one the gang used in the \$30,000 payroll robbery in South St. Paul on Aug. 30, 1933, in which Officer John Yeaman was seriously wounded.

Arthur (Doc) Barker, co-leader of the notorious gang with Alvin Karpis, was captured here by department of justice agents early in January in a raid on his apartment at 432 Surf st. The machine gun was found in the apartment.

Barker is under indictment and awaiting trial in the \$200,000 kid-

naping of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker.

TESTS PROVE IT GUN

The machine gun used in the slaying of Cunningham and in the South St. Paul pay roll holdup, was stolen from the car of Officer Yeaman prior to the robbery. Stassen said he was notified that laboratory tests made on the gun in Chicago, showed it fired the bullets which laid low Cunningham and wounded Yeaman.

Cunningham was killed when he unwittingly stepped over to one of the two getaway cars the gang used, which had overturned. The bandits held up four federal reserve employees taking registered mail from the main postoffice to the bank. Five men carrying three machine guns engineered the robbery.

Scheduled to face trial in April with Barker are John J. (Boss) McLaughlin, ex-Chicago politician; William Vidler and Phillip Delaney. Karpis is still at liberty and has been sought in Florida.

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SEIZED GROOM NAMED BY U.S. IN KIDNAP GANG

At first, Bruno Austin was just a happy young man being married.

All that was changed on the steps of the Russian Holy Trinity cathedral as he was departing with his bride of two minutes. State's attorney's police seized him on a larceny charge.

But even so, he hoped for leniency. His bride, pretty Marie Brenko Austin, 18, pleaded for him. She promised to keep him "straight."

Today, though, Bruno was in serious trouble, named by federal agents as a reputed member of the gang that kidnaped Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul brewer, who paid \$200,000 for freedom.

11 OTHERS FACE TRIAL

With revelation of the real reason Bruno has been detained in the



Mrs. Marie Austin Bruno Austin

southern jail since his arrest Jan. 21 two minutes after he became Marie Brenko's husband, came the information today that he is under indictment at St. Paul as one of the 22 men charged with the Bremer abduction.

Eleven others in the Bremer case face trial during the April term of the U. S. Dist. court in St. Paul.

Austin is to be arraigned in Criminal court here Thursday before Judge McKinlay. He is charged with stealing an auto and jumping bond.

U. S. DELAYS ACTION

The statement that Bruno Austin is not just a young man who wishes he could go back to his pretty bride, nor even a young man who stole an automobile, was made from Washington by J. Edgar Hoover, chief of the department of justice. Hoover said Bruno was linked with Alvin Karpis, current contender for the title of Public Enemy No. 1.

Department of justice agents here declined to say how Austin is connected with the kidnaping. It was understood, however, that he is not suspected of the abduction itself.

The government men said they will make no effort to prosecute him until the auto larceny case is settled in Cook county.

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BULLET TESTS LINK CITIES IN RAIDS

Bremer Kidnap Case
Retakes Its Place
in Law's Record.

The notorious Arthur ("Doc") Barker-Alvin Karpis gang of outlaws today was linked with two sensational holdups, one of them staged in Chicago September 22, 1933, when Policeman Miles Cunningham was slain.

In a copyrighted dispatch The Associated Press revealed that Harold E. Stassen, Dakota County attorney at South St. Paul, had received information from Washington definitely associating the hoodlum with the two crimes.

The arrest in Chicago of Barker, now held in connection with the \$200,000 kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, was first disclosed in an exclusive story in The Chicago American.

GUN IS IDENTIFIED.

Stassen announced today that the machine gun found in Barker's Chicago apartment during the raid which brought his arrest has been identified after laboratory tests here, as the weapon which was stolen from the car of Officer John Yeaman in a \$30,000 payroll holdup at South St. Paul August 30, 1933.

The county attorney explained:

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In the Chicago crime four employees of the Federal Reserve Bank were taking a consignment of registered mail from the main post-office to the bank.

OFFICER SHOT DOWN.

Five men carrying three machine guns shot down Cunningham at Adams and Halsted sts. when he unwittingly stepped over to one of the two getaway cars that over-turned.

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Bullets Link Barker to Holdups in 2 Cities

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Paul police department. This weapon was found by Department of Justice agents in the Barker apartment at 432 Surf st. when he was arrested January 8.

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SAME AUTO USED.

Both Karpis and Campbell are under indictment as kidnapers of Bremer.

County Attorney Stassen revealed further that a seven-passenger Hudson sedan was used in both the South St. Paul and Chicago stick-ups. License plates stolen from Mrs. Nellie B. Condict of Duluth, which were on the Hudson in the South

St. Paul crime, were found in car, abandoned after the Chicago holdup.

Inside the sedan authorities found Illinois, Kansas, Georgia, New York, Florida and Minnesota licensed plates.

Two policemen, Yeaman and Plak, were shot down in the day South St. Paul holdup, where Swift & Co. pay roll was seen from two young messengers.

It was also revealed by Department of Justice agents in Washington that Bruno Putis, alias Whitey Austin, had been identified as a member of the Bremer kidnaping.

Austin was arrested several months ago as he was leaving church following his marriage. He had been charged with robbery before he was linked with the Bremer case.

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LEFT AT THE CHURCH *Bridegroom Held*



MRS. BRUNO AUSTIN
JUST AS SHE and her husband were leaving a church in Chicago after having been married, the bridegroom was arrested on a charge of robbery. It is now revealed that he is involved in the receipt of the \$200,000 ransom in the Bremer kidnaping. International Photo.

JAIL NEWLYWED AS KIDNAPER

CHICAGO, March 13.—Strange romances are not new to Chicago, and it is axiomatic that any kind of a story can break in the Loop or outside of it.

But even blasé Chicago wondered a bit when Bruno Austin, Minneapolis gangster, was picked up by police as he was leaving church with his bride.

Austin is wanted by Federal authorities as a member of the Karpis-Barker gang which kidnaped Edward Bremer, St. Paul banker, and held him in a secret hideout until they collected \$200,000 in ransom money.

Did his bride know when she married him that he belonged to the underworld, or was she dazzled by his apparent wealth, assuming it to have been acquired legitimately?

Her own story is yet to be told. Meanwhile the honeymoon is off.

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Police Killers

Machine Gun Links Barker and Karpis in 2 Deaths

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The nation-wide drive on criminals was directed by Secretary of the Treasury, Morgenthau, against all those whose lawlessness is the concern of the Treasury Department. Hundreds of thousands of dollars' worth of narcotics, liquor and property of the criminals, including a cabin cruiser and many cars, was taken.

From those arrested here the government hopes to learn the source of the dope supply for which, it is estimated, 15,000 to 25,000 Chicago addicts pay five million dollars a year.

Mrs. Bass Busy

Mrs. Elizabeth Bass, head of the federal narcotics bureau here, will return today from Washington to make plans for another series of raids in Chicago tomorrow.

Because she had gone to Washington to confer with her superiors in the Treasury Department, yesterday's raids were carried out on her orders by her assistant, Thomas Cummings, and Lieut. William Cossack of the police narcotics squad.

The raids were made in the early morning hours and the government agents and police who co-operated acted so swiftly and secretly that news of their activities did not leak out until all their prisoners had been locked up.

The Chicago drive followed a two-week survey by federal undercover men who had made purchases and located most of the dealers. Similar surveys had been made throughout the country, many of

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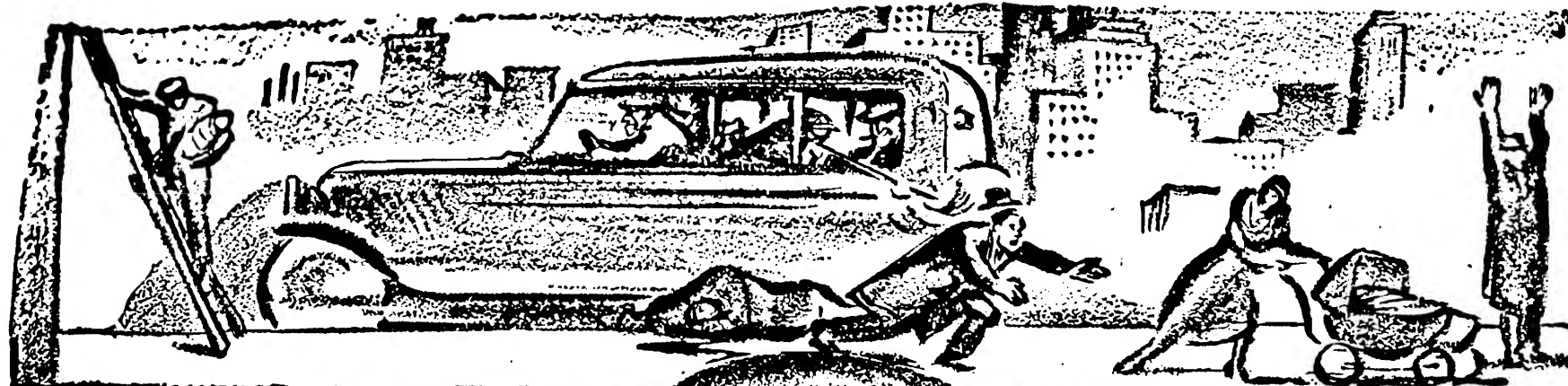
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activities caused her to cry out

Continuing the Exclusive Story of Her Bloody Career and Inevitable End.

By DAVIS J. WALSH

SIX hours of constant bombardment had passed, during which 1,500 rounds of ammunition had been poured into the upper windows of the Barker citadel, where "Ma" Barker, the "brains" of the ruthless band of bandits of that name, crouched with her son Fred, weakling spawn of the outlaw breed, firing back between choking spells as tear gas bombs spread their acrid stench. Then came a lull in the firing.

"Come out, Ma; nobody'll get hurt," shouted a G-man.

Derisive laughter, and a salvo of shots, was the answer—a fusillade that almost tore away the cover behind which the Federal officer crouched.

And when, moments later, another appealed to Fred to give his mother a chance, the old crone croaked:

"He ain't giving himself up and I don't want a chance from the likes of you. Come and get me."

Hours later, they came and got her—all that was left to get. In one corner lay this pampered, psychopathic son, eleven slugs in one shoulder and three in his head. By the window was all that was left of Arrie Kate Barker, the inevitable machine gun cradled in her blousy old bosom.

One shot had finished her. She never knew that another of the clan, Arthur "Doc" Barker, had given her the finger when arrested in Chicago.

She was his mother and he loved her, as apparently all the Barkers loved. She also was reputedly The Brain that planned, executed and successfully carried through the \$200,000 Bremer "snatch," perhaps even the Union Station massacre at Kansas City, perhaps the William Hamm job and innumerable bank and payroll coups that brought Doc and his brothers at least a half million dollars in less than a year.

But police pressure must have been heavy or else Doc elected to forget

MA BARKER

Deadly Spider Woman

The Exclusive Story of the Amazing Double Life of America's Most Notorious Feminine Criminal

the old hag's teachings, for he hardly lived up to the Barker tradition. Neither did another brother, Lloyd, now in Leavenworth. But, at least, they lived.

That's more than can be said for the rest of the family, unless you want to include the father, George, who quite pointedly doesn't wish to be included. He quit them cold a dozen years ago when he saw where they were headed and now is a humble but honest auto camp attendant near Joplin, Mo. Herman, another son, either was killed or committed suicide while resisting arrest.

Yes, old George lives. But another of Ma's husbands doesn't. Benign as a deacon in appearance, his name was George W. Dunlop, the father of a St. Louis policeman. And one morning, the cops found old Dunlop, nude to the neckband and "shot through and through," as the reports of the Burns men so aptly put it, on the shore of a Minnesota lake. The tracks of two men and a woman were found by the body.

The Burns men, who had followed the bloody trail of the Barkers through Oklahoma, Missouri, Kansas, Minnesota and a good part of the North American continent, seemed to entertain few doubts as to who the woman was who made these tracks.

After all, they knew their woman!

Hadn't they spent patient, tedious months trying to catch up with this withered, unseen hand that pulled the strings and made the puppets dance? Hadn't the G-men gone after Fred and "Doc" and the elusive Alvin Karpis largely with the idea that, if they got these murderous errand boys, they must inevitably get The Brain?

The Feds and the Burns men quite obviously operated together on this premise, as J. Edgar Hoover, head of the Department of Justice, practically admitted after the Oklawaha executions:

"They were the most dangerous and intelligent gang we had to cope with. No individual was safe as long as they operated. And Ma Barker was the directing genius. We had to get her—and we did!"

Ironically, the combination Female Fagin and Calamity Jane had to die to hit the headlines. Before that, nobody knew her—so wily was she—except the G-men, the Burns men and the trigger men of the underworld.

Dillinger, it seems, knew her quite well. So apparently did Harvey Bailey and "Machine Gun" Kelly, the Urschel snatchers. Her manifold

implicated in the St. Valentine massacre at Chicago and another, now a fugitive from charges of having harbored Dillinger, being hooked up with the purchase of the gun that shot Arnold Rothstein!

In the same way as befell the associates of that legendary gunwoman, Calamity Jane, whose weird Wild West career strangely parallels that of her modern prototype, so did many of the Barkers under Ma come to an unfortunate finish. Fred, her pet killer and light of her filial eye, lay with her on the floor of that Florida hideaway. Herman died apparently by his own hand, Arthur "Doc," the only conspirator available, probably will do life or worse for the Bremer business and other things—many other things. Old Man Dunlop, his receptively mild features long since composed in death, met his finish when the gang decided he was an encumbrance—probably a too garrulous encumbrance. And Son Lloyd is in Leavenworth.

Dressed in buckskin and with a face that might cause horses to climb telegraph poles, Calamity stares forth from the pages of history upon a now decadent age of lawsuits and pink teas and a total disregard of a person's liberty. And when they picked up Ma in that room down there in Florida, she was seamed and bloated and ugly, with a face as hard as a stove lid.

It apparently had not always been so. Once in those dead, old days back there in Tulsa and Oklahoma City, she seemingly had been small, even a little petite. They say she was blonde, weighed about a hundred pounds and had small features. Her devotion to her sons, even then headed toward lawlessness, was the only thing about her that seemed to impress the neighbors.

She minded her own business, went to church regularly—and never tangled with the law. Indeed, she spent much of her time trying to get her boys out of its clutches.

Some say she followed them across the dead line just to be with them. Others insist that, in spite of her fair hair, she had Indian blood in her

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Guidance of Their Frenzied Mother

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veins and that she was motivated by a spirit of rancorous vengeance, a sense of injustice that might very well inspire one of Indian blood to run amuck.

Anyhow, they put the collar on Lloyd for a mail-pouch job he claimed was the work of another. And they once sent "Doc" up for life in connection with the murder of a night watchman. He always maintained that he was framed.

Be that as it might, Ma Barker soon was launched upon a career of crime that has known few parallels in history. They say she wasn't a bad looking dame at the start but when they picked her up in a dust pan down in Florida, the guesses on her age ranged anywhere from 55 to 67.

She looked more like 80 in her red checkered house dress, her seamed countenance and her fat, blousy middle. Beyond a doubt, said the God-fearing neighbors before the shooting, this mysterious woman from the North was badly in need of a beauty parlor and beyond any further doubt, she had traveled far down the ladder of even outward respectability with her bad-boy sons. Why, she hadn't even been able to make good her boast of dying with her boots on.

When G-men finally moved "in on" Ma's dead body, they found it bare footed.

The long arm of coincidence—or was it the pointing finger of fate, as it grew upon the horny hand of the smug-faced, squealing Arthur "Doc" Barker—figured dramatically in this bloody denouement, for it was a year almost to the day and hour since Edward G. Bremer had been lifted from the bosom of his family by Ma's gang when the G-men cautiously closed in on the smoking and now silent cottage at Oklawaha, Fla., to mop up what was left of the crass kidnaping combination.

Gazing on Ma's remains at that time, it would have been difficult to persuade the distressed Bremer that the most perfect "snatch" plot of modern times had been hatched in

that acute but distorted mind.

Dillinger certainly didn't think that he was placing himself in jeopardy when he sought sanctuary in her organization when the minions of the law became "unreasonable"—he had no idea that Ma was the mastermind and that her vicinity was a "hot-spot" in which to seek security.

"Shoot to kill," was Ma's dictum to her four sons, when once she entered actively into their schemes. Later, it was only two sons because Herman, the eldest, was snuffed out in an affray with peace officers and Lloyd wound up doing a 20-year stretch at Leavenworth prison.

"Shoot 'em," she usually added, "and if they want to ask questions after that, make a date with them in the morgue. Never be taken alive."

Down in Oklawaha, she and Fred obeyed the Barker tradition to the last shuddering breath, and even in death, her black eyes were vindictive.

Why?

They saw Ma, in spite of her blond hair, was of Indian blood. She was born Arizona (that sounds Indian, doesn't it?) Clark in the Ozark foothills of Missouri. They also say that once, when small and petite and more than passable pretty, she had been a devoted housewife and mother. She went to church regularly, minded her own business (even when the "boys" didn't mind their's) and, in the words of the family physician in the old days around Joplin, Mo.:

"She was an honest, hard-working woman."

All that time, the "boys" were in jail and out—Fred for unexplained possession of a "shot" car; Doc for bumping an aged, harmless night watchman; Herman for almost anything.

At the age of fourteen, Herman



"Ma Barker" Looking a Little More Gentle Than She Did When Federal Agents Closed in on the Barker Citadel and Met a Salvo of Hot Lead From Her Guns.

school, where the children were above the average, and she had cooked and scrubbed and kept house for the lot. And now she was through!

So was old George. He was through paying fines and cringing every time the door bell rang. He jumped out on his own and finally wound up as the poor but honest caretaker of an auto camp outside Joplin.

"Keep me out of it," he now says, rather bitterly, and there isn't much difficulty about doing that. Old George undoubtedly has been out of it for more than ten years.

Old Ma, meantime, was very much in. Her sons were adjudged guilty, even when innocent, she insisted. All right; she was a guilty outlaw, too.

They say it was the Indian blood. An Indian, you know, is never so dangerous as when he feels a sense of injustice. While this is a theory, there must be something to account for this woman of amazing contradictions.

They killed and gloated over it; yet Ma remained somewhat religious, with a particular complex for the teachings of Raymond T. Richey, the Texas evangelist.

Maybe she was consistent enough with this not to order any killings on Sunday! We doubt it. Apparently, the Barkers, with Alvin Karpis, killed who and where they pleased—and it usually pleased them no end.

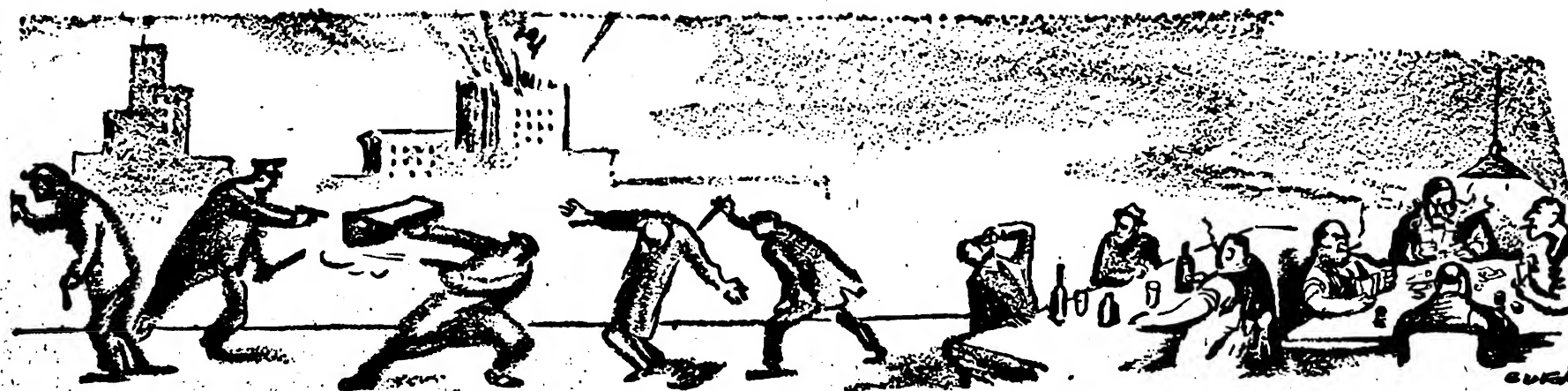
Yet, with each other, they were an almost unwholesomely devoted clan.

"To my darling little pal," writes Lloyd from jail, and then winds up with the conventional x's the lover sends to his sweetheart—and these words:

"Love and kisses to my darling little pal."

His darling little pal was then not less than 55 and looked 80, with a paunch that only an ex-brewer could love.

NEXT WEEK: How Ma's innate hatred of the police led her to urge her sons on to some of the most brutal and unnecessary killings in the history of crime, and how she incurred the eternal enmity of one woman because of one cold blooded murder.



Artist Burck's Conception of the Deadly Spider Woman and the Murderous Activities of Her Sons Which She Directed. Three of the Boys Are Shown at Left—Herman, Arthur "Doc" and Freddy, Two Dead, the Other in Jail.



**More New
Facts About the
"Spider Woman" and Her
Boys Who—Weaned on Revolvers—
Graduated to Machine-Guns Under**

lifted a diamond ring of his mother's and the Burns records show that Ma had to wrestle for it. He didn't last long but, from the standpoint of the Barker boys, he had the right idea. And from the standpoint of Ma at that time, her boys were perfect. "My boys would be good boys if the police would let them alone," she used to say, a little plaintively and with misguided optimism. She was busy at that time, trying to keep the boys in order and her real husband, George Barker, appeased. The blow-off came about ten years ago. George drifted away, seeking only peace and quiet. Ma, on the other hand, boldly cast her lot with her pampered sons. She turned against law

and, in doing so, made a complete right-about-face. Instead of becoming a passive accessory, she went all the way and became the "brain," the ring-leader of the most desperate band of criminals that America in all probability has yet known.

"Neither an individual nor his property was safe while they lasted," says J. Edgar Hoover, head of the Department of Justice. "In many ways they were the smartest outlaws we've encountered. And Ma was the mind behind their operations. She was so smart that we never got anything on her—although we know plenty. We had to kill her to catch up with her."

And, again we ask, why this abrupt transition from respectability to dishonor, from trig young womanhood to a steamy, hard-faced, vindictive old war horse?

Down in the Ozark country and through Oklahoma, Kansas and neighboring States (note the parallel to the James Boys), they say that Ma made her decision after "Doc" was convicted of the night watchman murder and Lloyd went up for unseemly familiarity with a Government mail pouch.

From that moment, Ma is said to have given up the unequal struggle. She had dressed her boys well in Missouri, where Husband George was an ore-handler. She had sent them to school where their marks were there.



PAPER REVEALS KIDNAP PLOT

ST. PAUL, Minn., March 20 (I.N.S.)—In a copyrighted story, the St. Paul Daily News today revealed plans for the kidnaping and million-dollar ransoming of two of St. Paul's most prominent and wealthy citizens—Louis W. Hill, sr., and Richard C. Lilly.

The newspaper said plans for the "snatchings" were discussed at the Bensonville, Ill., hideout where Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul bank president, was held prisoner for three weeks by kidnapers early in 1934.

Breaking up of the Barker-Karpis mob by Federal agents may have prevented the actual carrying out of the plans, the newspaper said.

As originally outlined, the plans called for the "grabbing" of Mr. Lilly, president of the First National Bank of St. Paul, on the eighth fairway of the Somerset golf course, just south of St. Paul. Mr. Hill was to be seized, according to the proposal, at his chalet at North Oaks Farm, vast estate just north of St. Paul established by James J. Hill, his father, the "Empire Builder."

Each was to be held for \$500,000 ransom, the newspaper said.

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Reveal Plot to Kidnap Two for \$1,000,000 Ransom

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 St. Paul, Minn., March 20.—A plot to kidnap two St. Paul men for \$1,000,000 ransom—the greatest in the nation's history—was discussed by the Barker-Karpis gang while Edward G. Bremer was held captive at Bensenville, Ill., early last year, the United Press learned today. Bremer was kidnaped Jan. 17, 1934. He was freed on payment of \$200,000.

The victims were to be Louis W. Hill, son of the famous empire builder, and Richard C. Lilly, president of the First National Bank of St. Paul, the largest financial institution in the northwest.

Smashing of the notorious Barker-Karpis gang in recent months by department of justice operatives undoubtedly prevented carrying out of the plot.

'Finger Man' Named.

Information regarding the plot has been turned over to the division of investigation of the department of justice.

The alleged "finger man" in the plot was to be a St. Paul man who would receive \$200,000 as his share of the \$1,000,000, federal operatives

were told. He was prepared to furnish the gang with a detailed sketch of the intended victims' daily routine. He would name the exact moment when they could be most easily seized.

Hill was to be kidnaped, according to the proposal placed before the gang and reported to federal agents, from his chalet at North Oaks farm, vast estate north of St. Paul established by James J. Hill, his father and pioneer railroad baron of the northwest.

Links Chosen as Scene.

Lilly was to be seized from the eighth fairway of the Somerset golf course, just south of St. Paul. The fairway parallels Dodd road, a paved state trunk highway.

Each would have been held for \$500,000.

Agents to whom this information was given were told, also, that the alleged "finger man" informed the gangsters that he was well connected in St. Paul. He told them, agents learned, that he had disposed of a major portion of the \$200,000 loot of the Denver mint robbery of 1933. He also had aided in disposition of negotiable bonds stolen in various bank robberies since that time.

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